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THE INDIA FEDERAL UNION PLAN.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE.

DOMINION PRECEDENTS TO BE TAKEN AS GUIDE.

POWERS OF VICEROY.

A VITAL stage in the proceedings of the Indian Round Table Conference has been passed with the submission of the Draft Report drawn up by Lord Sankey containing important proposals for the Federal Constitution of India. One of the main features is the extent of powers reserved, by almost general consent, to the Viceroy.

Executive power and authority will be vested in the Viceroy, there will be a Cabinet appointed by the Viceroy to hold office at his pleasure, and to aid and advise him. The Viceroy will invite a Minister to form a Government, which will remain in office only so long as it retains the confidence of the Legislature. The Sub-Committee generally agreed that the assumption by India of all powers and responsibility which have hitherto rested in Parliament cannot be made in one step.

PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

London, Jan. 12. The report, which Lord Sankey, Chairman, read to the Federal Structure Committee, consists of a twenty-six-page draft on the vital subjects which this body has been considering. Copies have been given to members, and it is expected that the discussion thereon will be completed to-morrow.

It is understood that the report points out that the Sub-Committee do not claim to have evolved, in all details, a complete plan for a Federal Constitution. They consider the best service they can render to the Conference is to state certain general principles.

Many points have necessarily been left to be settled later, when public opinion both in India and England, has had an opportunity of expressing itself upon them, in order that a complete Constitution may be based on a maximum measure of public approval in both countries.

Regarding the Executive, the report proceeds on the basic assumption that the Constitution will recognize the principle that, subject to special conditions, responsibility for the Federal Government of India will in fact rest upon the Indians themselves.

Dominion Precedent.

In the opinion of the Sub-Committee, the proper method of giving effect to this principle is, following the precedent of all Dominion Constitutions, to provide that executive power and authority shall invest in the Crown or in the Governor-General as representing the Crown, and that there will be a Council of Ministers appointed by the Governor-General and holding office at his pleasure. It is suggested that the instrument of instructions should direct him to appoint those persons who command the confidence of the Legislature and the Governor-General.

The convention of inviting one Minister to form a Government and requesting him to submit a list of his proposed colleagues should be followed.

As those chosen as Ministers should possess the confidence of the Legislature, it follows that they would retain office only so long as they retained that confidence.

Ministerial Responsibility.

This is what the Sub-Committee understand by responsibility of the Government to the Legislature in the sense wherein that expression is used throughout the British Commonwealth. The expression also implied, in their view, that the Ministry are respon-

sible collectively, and that they stand or fall together. It is, however, admitted that this broad statement of principle of responsible Government at the centre will be the ultimate achievement of the Constitution now to be formed and requires some qualification.

Transition Period.

There was general agreement in the Sub-Committee that the assumption by India of the all powers and responsibilities which hitherto rested on Parliament cannot be made at one step, and that during the period of transition, firstly, the Governor-General should be responsible for defence and external relations, including relations with the Indian States and that, secondly, in certain circumstances that may arise outside the sphere of these subjects, the Governor-General must be at liberty to act on his own responsibility and must be given powers necessary to implement his decisions.

It is clear, moreover, that the Governor-General must be at liberty to select as the Ministers responsible in the reserved sphere, any persons he may himself choose as best fitted for the purpose, and that on appointment they should hold Ministerial portfolios and acquire rights like other members of the audience in either Chamber of the Legislature.

Cabinet and Viceroy.

With the position of the Governor-General in relation to his Cabinet is, to some degree, involved the question of whether the Governor-General himself should preside over the meetings of his Ministers.

In the Sub-Committee's view, the better course would be to provide in his instructions that he should preside when he thought it desirable, leaving the matter to his discretion.

It is, however, essential that the Governor-General should keep at all times fully informed of the state of public affairs and have the right to call for any papers or information which are at his Ministers' disposal.

It follows from the fact that the Governor-General will himself be responsible for the administration of reserved subjects that he should not be dependent for the Supply required upon the assent of the Legislature, and that it should be charged on the Consolidated Fund. It follows, also, that he should be

PIRATES CONTROL SHIP FOR TWO & HALF DAYS.

CHINA MERCHANTS' VICTIMISED.

S.S. HSIN MING ROBBED OF VALUABLE CARGO.

HONGHAI LANDING.

In the hands of a gang of pirates for two and a half days, journeying slowly down the coast to Honghai Bay, the China Merchants' s.s. Hsin Ming goes down on record as the first 1931 victim of Bias Bay desperadoes. The vessel was released in the early hours of this morning.

News of the outrage was received soon afterwards, when the Hsin Ming's officers restored her wireless apparatus to working order and recounted briefly the features of the attack. Three passengers and a crew member were arrested, while the gang appears to have made a valuable haul of personal property and cargo.

The Hsin Ming, a Glasgow-built steamer of 1,605 tons register, has made only one or two previous appearances in Hongkong and these quite a few years ago. For that reason she is very little known here, the local office of the China Merchants' vessels, in complete ignorance of her movements until the receipt of the wireless message.

Pirated on Saturday.

The frozen state of Northern ports and waterways at this time of the year, usually brings about a re-arrangement of ports of call for China Merchants' vessels, says the local agent. It may therefore be assumed that the Hsin Ming was Southern-bound, trading between Shanghai probably, and Foochow, when she fell victim to the Bias Bay desperadoes.

The wireless message, received at 7 o'clock this morning, states she was pirated on Saturday night. It also states that the pirates had just left the vessel at Hong Hai Bay, which suggests that she was not released until daylight to-day; when the wireless apparatus was again put into commission to enable the early message to be sent out.

Crew Surprised.

From the meagre details given, it would appear that the pirates boarded the Hsin Ming at Shanghai in the usual guise of passengers. Choosing a favourable moment on Saturday night, they revealed their presence, overpowered the Captain, officers and crew, and took over the command of the vessel.

A slow course was then set for the south. Bias Bay and Mrs. Bay being well-patrolled by warships, it would appear, the pirates took the vessel into the adjacent inlet of Hong Hai Bay, the scene of the termination of more than one previous exploit, and under cover of darkness, just before day-light to-day, took to waiting boats and landed their booty.

Bloodless Outrage.

The message states "Everybody is all right," indicating that the piracy has been a bloodless one, unattended by anything untoward except for the "kidnapping" of three passengers and one of the Comptroller's staff, and the taking away by the culprits of a "considerable quantity of cargo and loot."

Who these passengers were, and just how much loot is represented by the stolen cargo is not revealed. The message, in concluding, requests the local Radio Office to report to the owners, agents and authorities; and intimates that the Hsin Ming has found it convenient to proceed to Foochow, which may have been her original destination.

The Hsin Ming was formerly known as the Hsin Tai-chai. A steel-screw steamer of 2,183 tons gross, she was built in 1907 by Messrs. Napier & Miller of Glasgow, her dimensions are: Length, 270 ft.; beam 41.2 ft.; depth, 20.2 ft.

A fishing junk yesterday brought back to the Colony the crew of another junk found clinging to their half-submerged craft near Nine Pine Islands, last week. Sugar and other cargo were taken from the wrecked vessel before it was abandoned.

BRITISH AIR CRASHES.

FOUR FLIERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

NEW YEAR TOLL.

London, Jan. 13. The New Year has opened rather disastrously for the Royal Air Force, no fewer than seven airmen belonging thereto having been killed since the opening of the year.

Two officers and a flight sergeant belonging to the R.A.F. Training School were killed as the result of a crash in the darkness, last night, of a Vickers Vimy bomber on the borders of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

A fourth occupant of the plane was flung clear and escaped without injury.

Two other bombers which were accompanying the machine were forced to land, one being wrecked, but, fortunately, without any casualties.

All three machines had lost their way in the darkness.

Earlier in the day, a flying officer was killed as the result of a crash in Essex, following a collision with another machine. In this instance, the collision was so slight that the pilot of the second machine was not aware of it.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH TRADE IN 1930.

BIG REDUCTIONS IN BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

London, Jan. 12. The Board of Trade to-day issues statistics showing that British imports in 1930 were valued at £1,045,000,000, representing a reduction of £176,000,000 on the figure for 1929.

The exports totalled £570,600,000, or a reduction of £169,000,000. The largest individual decreases in imports were raw cotton, £32,500,000; grain, £23,000,000; non-durable food and drink, £20,500,000; and woollen materials, £18,000,000.

The outstanding reductions in exports were cotton manufactures, £48,000,000; iron and steel manufactures, £17,000,000; and woollens, £16,000,000.

Re-exports in 1930, showed a decrease of twenty per cent. as compared with 1929.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ANTI-DRUG PROPOSALS.

OPIUM COMMITTEE BEGINS EXAMINATION.

Geneva, Jan. 12. The Advisory Opium Committee of the League of Nations to-day began a discussion on the British draft scheme providing for the limitation of the manufacture of narcotics of the amount annually needed for the world's legitimate requirements for medical and scientific purposes.

It was decided to appoint a sub-committee to draw up a list of drugs to be covered by the proposed Convention and the substances into which they might be converted.—*Reuter.*

EUROPEAN IN MOTOR MISHAP.

AGED CHINESE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mr. J. S. MacLaren, of the Transvaal, was concerned in a motor mishap which occurred the night before last on the Taiipo Road.

He states that he was driving private car No. 1966 when, near Taiipo Market, an aged Chinese got in his way and was knocked down, injuries being caused to his back. The victim also suffered from concussion and was in a serious state when taken to the Kowloon Hospital in Mr. MacLaren's car.

The Hon. Foo Ping-sheng is to distribute the prizes at St. Stephen's College at Stanley on Saturday afternoon.

FOURTH ROUND OF ENGLISH CUP.

FIVE AWAY WINNERS AGAIN UNLUCKY.

CHELSEA GET THE TIT-BIT AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

NINE CONTINGENCIES.

London, Jan. 12. The draw for the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:—

Crystal Palace	v.	Everton.
Reading	v.	Wolves.
Middlesbrough	v.	Blackburn.
Bradford	v.	Leeds.
Bury or Torquay	v.	Newcastle.
Leeds United	v.	Stoke or
Grimsby T.	v.	Manchester U.
Chelsea	v.	Aston Villa.
Southport	v.	Blackpool.
Blackburn	v.	Bristol Rov.
Walsall	v.	Burnley.
Reading	v.	Sunderland.
Bolton Wand.	v.	Notts County.
Sheffield Un. or	v.	Tottenham.
York City	v.	Brighton.
West Brom. or	v.	Portsmouth.
Charlton	v.	Wendnesday.
Watford	v.	Port Vale.
Barnsley	v.	Cardiff.
Birmingham	v.	Cardiff.

Matches to be played on January 24.—*Reuter.*

Nine of the sixteen matches are not settled, hence comment is not easy. The most attractive match undoubtedly, however, will be played at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea will entertain either Arsenal or Aston Villa.

Seven of the nine clubs that failed to win at home on Saturday will get another chance should luck favour them in the re-plays.

The Unlucky Five.

Bournemouth, Everton, Wednesday, Brighton, and Port Vale, all of which obtained excellent victories on foreign soil on Saturday, are again required to travel. Brighton and the Wednesday should get into the Fifth Round without great difficulty, and Everton will not feel very anxious whether they are called upon to oppose Crystal Palace or Reading, but Portsmouth's task will not be easy, and Port Vale may expect to go down to Birmingham.

Only three of the sides definitely through are at home again, Bolton Wanderers, Leeds and Barnsley. Having disposed of Huddersfield, Leeds will look forward to their match with Newcastle with a certain amount of confidence, and Bolton Wanderers, three winners of the Cup since the war, should also win again.

London's Prospects.

London which failed to seize upon the opportunity offered by seven home matches on Saturday is only certain of one match on the 24th, that between Chelsea and the winners of the Arsenal-Villa replay. Chelsea and the Villa have met twice this season, Chelsea losing at home and drawing at Villa Park.

The hopes of Charlton, Crystal Palace and Brentford in the re-plays are not particularly bright, though all would play in London on the 24th if they should succeed this mid-week.

Only four of the sixteen matches are definitely to be played in the South, and at least ten will be fought out in the North or the Midlands.

Of the 41 teams still interested, sixteen are from the First Division, fourteen from the Second, and eleven from the Third (including nine from the Southern Section).

GERMAN ACTION IN COAL DISPUTE.

WAGE CUT AWARD DECLARED COMPULSORY.

Cologne, Jan. 12. Despite the rejection by the coal-owners and the miners of the Official Arbitrator's award of a six per cent wage cut, the Minister of Labour has declared that it must be regarded as compulsory.

The Communist threat to organise another strike has not materialised. The pits are working normally to-day and further resistance to the wage cut is not anticipated.—*Reuter.*

DISASTER FEARED.

TRADE WIND NOW 28 HOURS LATE.

MISSING FLIERS.

New York, Jan. 12. The gravest fears are now entertained for the New York amphibian plane "Trade Wind" which is now 28 hours overdue at the Azores.

The authorities have been in wireless communication with half a dozen vessels at sea in the vicinity of the route likely to be taken by the fliers, but all of them state that they have not seen the seaplane.

More ominous, however, are the weather reports from these vessels. Mountainous seas are running in the Atlantic and it is considered improbable that the seaplane would float for more than a few hours in such conditions if it had been forced down.

The Trade Wind set out from Bermuda for the Azores on Saturday. She was carrying two hundred pounds of tinned food, the trip being a "strictly commercial" enterprise for the purpose of demonstrating the possibilities of regular air communication between America and Europe by way of Bermuda and the Azores.

The missing fliers are Mrs. Beryl Hart, owner of the plane, and Lieut. W. S. MacLaren.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WATERLOWS TO PAY £500,000.

JUDGMENT ENTERED FOR PLAINTIFF BANK.

London, Jan. 12. Judgment for damages agreed at £500,000 has been entered for the plaintiffs, the Bank of Portugal, against Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, the famous bank-note printers, in the case heard in the King's Bench Division last month.

The amount of the damages is payable, subject to the result of a possible appeal. It may be recalled that Waterlows provided a gang of swindlers with Portuguese bank-notes to the value of over £1,000,000, on forged documents purporting to be signed by the Governor of the Bank of Portugal.—*Reuter.*

SWEEPING CUTS IN TYRE PRICES.

BIG AMERICAN COMPANIES ACT IN UNION.

New York, Jan. 12. Sweeping cuts in the retail prices of rubber tyres are announced by the leading companies at Akron, Ohio, America's great rubber manufacturing centre.

The General Tyre and Rubber Company announces a reduction of from seven and a half to twelve per cent on all tyres for passenger vehicles.

The Firestone Rubber Company has reduced its tyre prices from six and a half to twelve per cent. Other companies notify similar reductions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DISTANCE FLIGHT RECORD.

FRENCH ACHIEVEMENT IN LIGHT MACHINE.

Villa Cisneros, Jan. 12. Captain Lalouette and Fernouille landed here to-day, having covered 1,800 miles in 22 hours, creating a record distance in a straight line for a touring aeroplane weighing under four hundred kilograms.—*Reuter.*

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China sea. The local forecast is:—North winds, strong; fine.

GRAVE RIOTS STAGED BY INDIAN CONGRESS.

HUNDREDS BADLY INJURED.

SEVEN-HOUR BATTLE IN THE STREETS OF KARACHI.

HANGING SEQUEL.

Hundreds were injured in grave disorders in widely separated districts of India yesterday. At Karachi a battle between police and a lawless mob lasted for seven hours. At Bombay, violent clashes occurred all day. Numbers of police were among the casualties.

The disorders are attributed to Congress activities, instigating the people to violence in protest against the carrying out of the death-sentence upon four Indians concerned in the Sholapur Riots last May when ten policemen were killed, one man being burned alive.

Karachi Affray.

Karachi, Jan. 12. One hundred and fifty persons were injured, fifty of them seriously, in an affray which lasted for seven hours, between police and adherents of the Congress, who attempted to hold a procession and a meeting in defiance of the police ban.

Three times the police charged with lathis, making thirty-six arrests, those in custody including Mrs. Gombai, the new woman Dictator.

The police also arrested nineteen women who squatted in the middle of the road and refused to move.

The Police Superintendent and a number of constables were injured by stone-throwing.

Speakers Rescued by Mob.

At Allahabad, Jan. 12. Serious trouble occurred in a village near Allahabad to-day, following the arrest of two speakers, who were taken in custody for holding a meeting of the Congress Party at the village of Kilpani in defiance of the Ordinance against instigation of the non-payment of taxes.

The police were attacked by the mob, which rescued the speakers. Revolver Shots.

There was serious disorder for some time. The mob, attacked with stones and lathis, and an Indian police officer drew his revolver and fired into the mob, seriously wounding one of its assailants.

The crowd was dispersed, but eight of the police party suffered injuries.

Bombay Crisis.

Bombay, Jan. 12. Violent clashes occurred in the Hindu quarters between the police and followers of Gandhi who demonstrated as a protest against the Poona executions. The Gandhites placed boulders on the tram-lines, and stoned the trams, and also the Police Commissioner's car.

The police charged with lathis, and 26 demonstrators have been injured hitherto.

Grave rioting in protest against the Poona executions has continued, and hitherto 155 persons have been sent to hospital. Thirty of them are in a serious condition.

Belgaum Defiance.

Belgaum, Jan. 12. Sixty persons were injured, six of them seriously, when police, armed with lathis, charged and dispersed a procession held in protest against the executions at Poona. Express orders forbidding the procession had previously been issued by the Magistrate of the District.

At Poona, following the hanging, the police were forced to charge a crowd of sympathisers endeavouring to march upon the gaol.—*Reuter.*

Mr. J. W. Davidson, vice-president of the Rotary International, arrived here by the S.S. Franklin Mallon, being accompanied by his wife.

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DEGREE DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

INTERESTING ADDRESS BY
VICE-CHANCELLOR.

FINANCE QUESTION.

With its customary ceremonial, the 2nd annual Congregation of the University of Hongkong was held in the Great Hall yesterday. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, who is the Chancellor, presided, and conferred the degrees on graduates for 1930.

The gathering at the University included Lady Peel, and a number of prominent people of the Colony, seated on the dais being Government officials, honorary graduates of the University, ecclesiastical dignitaries and the Deans of the various faculties.

Tea was served on the lawn, and a musical programme was rendered by the band of the South Wales Borderers. The capped and gowned procession which comprised members of the Court, Council, Senate and Staff of the University, entered the Great Hall soon after 5 p.m., and the Congregation was formally declared open by His Excellency.

Vice-Chancellor's Address.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—When Your Excellency came here on the 22nd September last to unveil the portrait of Sir Cecil Clementi and to open the new Biological Building I took the opportunity, on behalf of all the members of the University, to bid you and Lady Peel welcome. In the name of this Congregation I now welcome you to this first degree giving ceremony over which you are presiding. I said on the 22nd September, that you had already proved a substantial benefactor to the University and that all of us who had had the good fortune to come into contact with you and your wife had already learned to hold both Your Excellency and Lady Peel dear. I re-echo what I then said and once more assure Your Excellency of our loyalty towards you and our confidence in your judgment, your wisdom and your fairness. We look to Your Excellency to restrain and guide us. We also look to you, our Chancellor and our Governor, to see that the University gets a fair field for the discharge of its manifold responsibilities and its development. And we know that we shall not look to you in vain.

A year ago Sir Cecil Clementi presided over this Congregation—now he is gone. Sir Cecil Clementi was not a man whom one could easily forget. Those who knew him will, I think, carry about with them throughout their lives some influence of the radiance of his magnetic personality and charm. Those who never knew him will perhaps, as they come into this Hall and look up at his portrait, wish that they had known him.

I do wish that all the portraits of our Chancellors were hanging on the walls of this Hall. I am not going to beg this afternoon. If I did I should expect to be pelted from this platform. But I am going to remind the wealthier members of the Hongkong community, who are proud to have been Lord Lugard's friends, that this University is still without even a portrait of its founder.

Tragic Event.

Professor C. Y. Wang died so recently that I will not dwell on the bitterness of that tragic event. It fell to me to say over his grave that he left behind him the memory of a life of unostentatious loyalty and devotion. I will leave it at that; for I know that there is in the hearts of all of you, the profoundest sympathy for his widow and his now fatherless children. The year 1930 saw the completion and opening of the new Biological Department on which the



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name of Kwok Siu-lau will soon be emblazoned. The year also witnessed the starting of a new building, now under construction, a building which will bear the name of Tang Chi Ngong. A clock in memory of the late Sir Paul Chater, one of the University's benefactors and its first Hon. Treasurer, has also been installed in the Tower. This clock we owe to the generosity of the Armenian Church in Calcutta. Sir Paul's birthplace.

Sir Henry Gollan has left us, but the memory of his wise counsel, of his devotion to the University and of the warmth of his gracious geniality is still here. Our Reader in History has resigned, to our great regret. He admits that he was happy in his work here and that he feels the severance of his connexion with the University. But the lady to whom he has become betrothed decided that, not even for the sake of marrying Mr. Hughes, would she consent to live in exile. Perhaps she is right—time alone will show. Let us at least hope that the University's loss will be her gain and that of her native land to which she is so devotedly attached. It will not surprise my Celtic friends to learn that the lady's native land and that of our late Reader in History is the Principality of Wales. We have a new Lecturer in English and a new Lecturer in Commerce. We, their colleagues, are the better for the presence in our midst of Mr. Clarabut and Mr. Cooper. We hope and believe that neither of them is sorry that he came.

Distinguished Visitors.

The year has not been without its distinguished visitors to the University—Professor G. Elliot-Smith, Sir John Bland-Sutton, and His Royal Highness Prince Purachatra of Siam. The coming of such visitors and the pleasure which they appear to feel at being with us is a great encouragement. I am delighted to see among the audience Dr. Gordon Thompson of the Henry Lester Research Institute, Shanghai. We are glad to hear that the foundation of the Institute buildings are now in the ground. We hope that the Institute will always work in the closest and friendliest co-operation with this University's Medical School, from which incidentally it recruited both its Principal and its Professor of Medicine.

Looking back upon 1930 and passing in reflection beyond it to scan the University's harassed history, there come into my mind the proverbial words of Juvenal—*Haud facile emergunt quorum virtutibus obstat.*

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But I remember that another author, not so distinguished as Juvenal, recently wrote that:

"Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside of them is superior to circumstance."
Anyway, the year 1930 has seen what I take to be the determination of the Government of Hongkong that this University must be maintained at all costs.

Increased Grant.
The increase in August last of the University's annual grant saved the institution from a condition of serious financial embarrassment. We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency for the business-like and prompt way in which on your arrival you set yourself to
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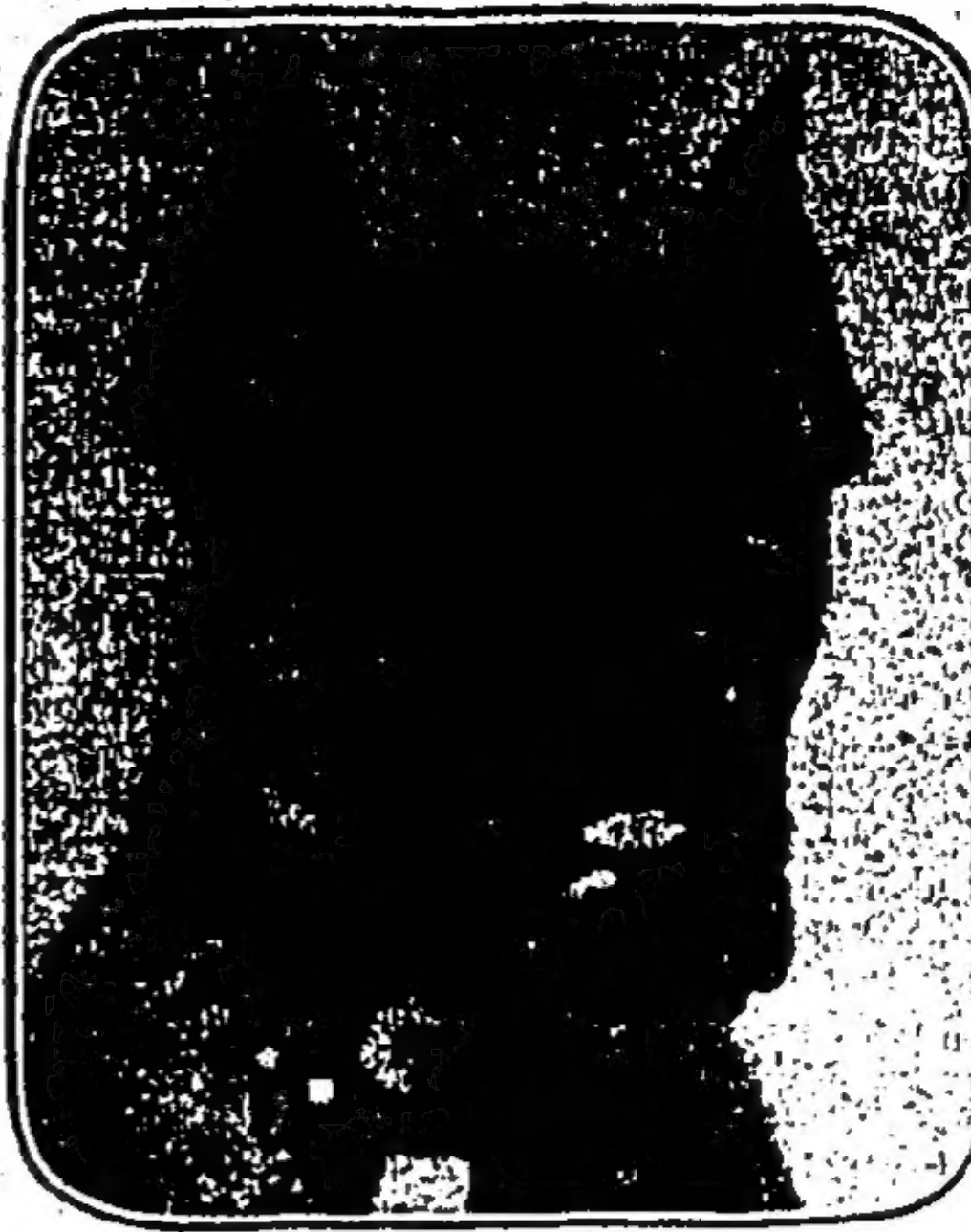


By Small





Scotland (white) retained the Burkill Cup by defeating England (stripes) by 13 points to 10 in the annual rugger International played in Shanghai on New Year's Day. Bottom pictures illustrate incidents in an exciting encounter.



An intelligent looking dog, "Boxer," shown above is only seven months old, and belongs to a Shanghai woman.



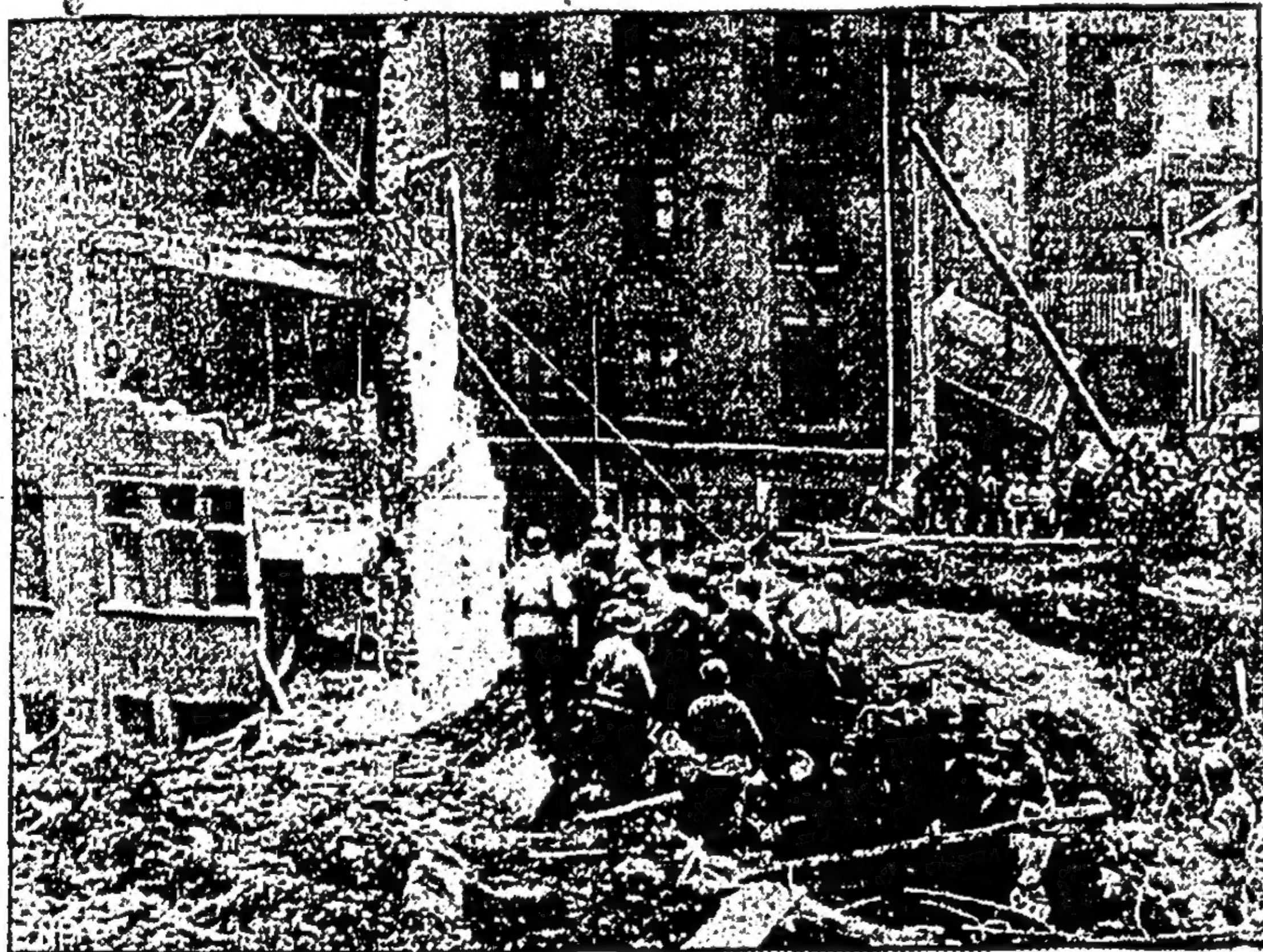
Photo taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Miss Paula Woltjen and Mr. Hans Dieckmann, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Widmann, at Hungjiao Road. Mr. Dieckmann is on the Shanghai staff of Messrs. Melchers and Company, the well-known German import, export and shipping firm.



Our photo shows (centre) Madame Barbosa, the wife of the retiring Governor of Macao, in Chinese ceremonial costume. Others in the picture are Mr. Chung Bing-him, and Mm. P. de Brito, wife of the Portuguese Consul in Shanghai.



Dr. John Brook, of Kansas, a wealthy manufacturer, receiving a trophy won in flying every day of the past year.



Another picture showing how buildings were shattered in the landslide which occurred in the Lyons region recently. The scene is reminiscent of war days. Photo shows workers pulling down wrecked buildings to prevent further danger to life.



Mrs. H. Foster Bain, a grandmother, and a friend of the Hoovers, who has just gained a pilot's license.

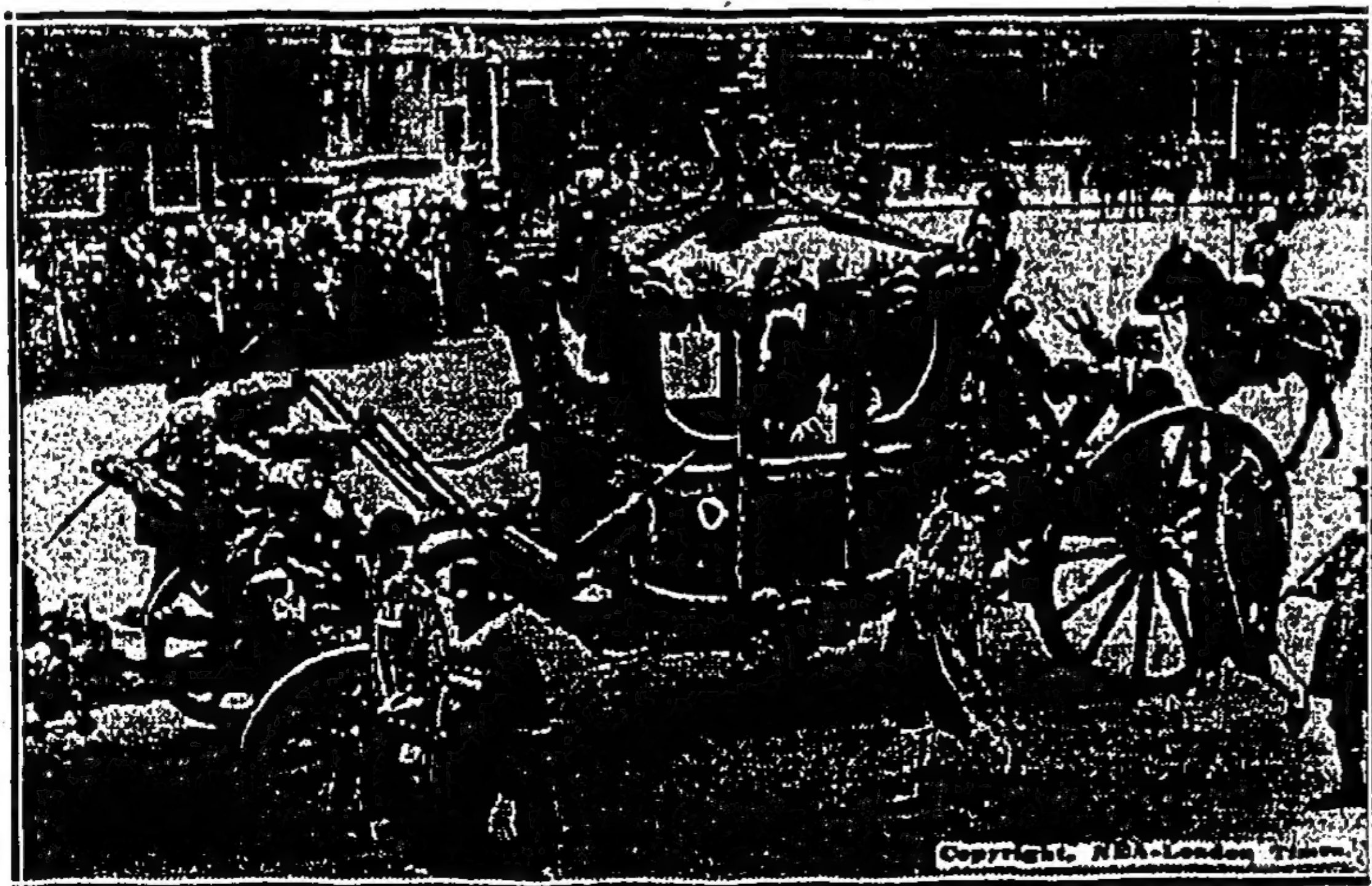
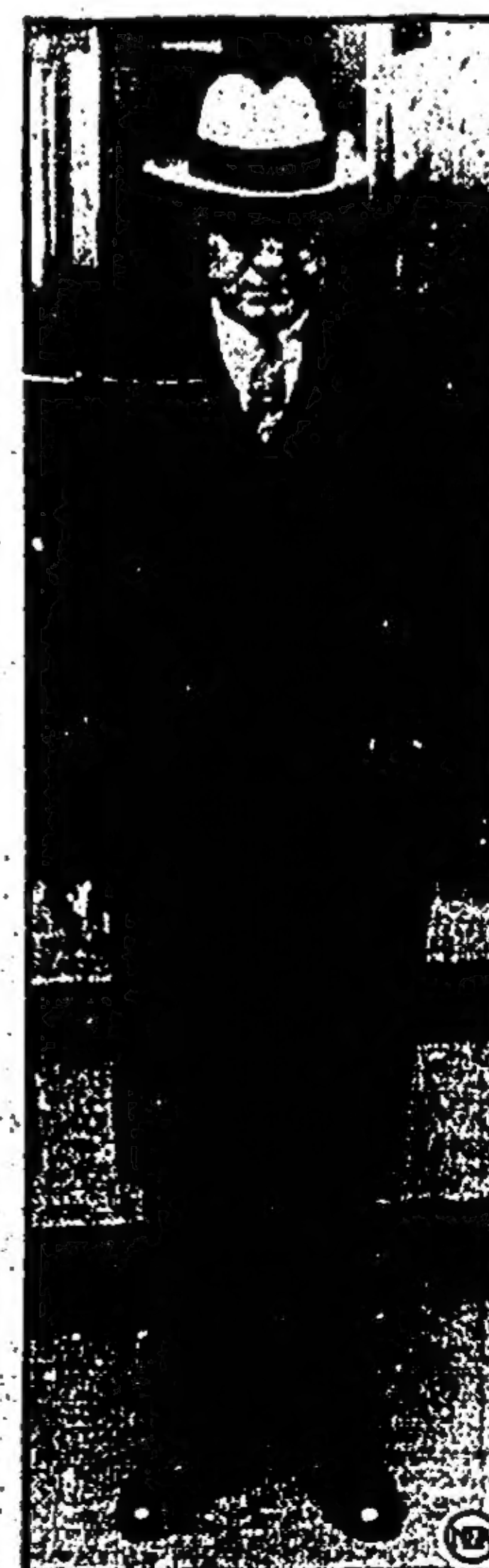


Photo taken at the ceremony of the opening of Parliament at the end of October. The traditional State Procession appeared even more colourful than usual on a bright day. The King and Queen may be observed in the Royal Coach riding through troop-lined streets on their way to the Houses of Parliament.



Mr. H. R. Ekins, who has replaced Mr. Randall Gould as United Press correspondent in Shanghai.



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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1075 s.
Chartered Bank, \$164 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.
East Asia \$115 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,300 n.
Union Ins., \$595 b.
North China Ins., \$120 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.20 a.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fire, \$460 b.
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Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 1/2 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$31 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$27 n.
Union Waterboats, \$29 s.

Mining.

Benguet, \$11 b.
Shai Exploration, \$1.1 b.
Ruaba, \$41 s.

Decks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$175 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.30 b. (old).
Hongkew, \$124 n.
New Engineering, \$1.70 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$1.16 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$15.00 s.
Shai Cottons, \$15.90 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.40 b.
H. K. Land, \$84 1/2 s. (old).
do, \$83 1/2 s.
Shai Land \$12.37 b.
Humphreys, \$17.60 n.
Realities, \$9 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 s.
Star Ferries \$93 s.
China Lights, (old) \$25.85 b.
H. K. Electric, \$80 1/4 s.
Telephones \$35 1/2 n.
China Buses, \$19.60 n.
Singapore Tractions, \$7/10 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Macg. Ord. \$10.75 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.60 s.
Cements (Comb) \$17.70 s.
Ropes, \$12.50 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$25.75 b.
Watsons, \$12.60 b.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.90 b.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$13 1/4 b.

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A legal technicality, concerning the wording of the Ordinance, yesterday caused the collapse of a case of child-trafficking brought by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate.

A woman, named Ch. Yee, was charged with, that on January 7, at No. 314, Queen's Road Central, she took part in a transaction the object, or one of the objects of which, was to transfer the possession, custody or control of a four-year-old boy, Chan Sang, by her to one Lo Sai Ping, another woman, for the sum of \$370.

The relevant Section was 45 a. Ordinance No. 2, of 1905. Evidence adduced by the prosecution showed that Lo Sai Ping, an informer, was sent by the police to the floor, where she bargained for the sale of the child, the trap being made complete with the securing of what was alleged to be a deed of permanent presentation. A statement signed by Chan Yee after she was arrested and charged, contained an admission of the transaction.

For the defence, it was pleaded by Mr. F. H. Losby that since the transaction was a trap, and there obviously was no intention on the part of the informer and/or the child, the transaction lacked the "object" specified in the ordinance.

The transaction, it followed, was not a bona fide one, and he submitted that the accused had no case to answer.

Inspector J. Murphy, for the Secretariat, argued that the intention at least was there on the part of the accused to sell the child. His Worship, agreeing with Mr. Losby, replied that the law as it stood at present, did not say anything about intention.

In discharging the woman, his Worship pointed out that he was not disbelieving the evidence of the prosecution. It was simply that the law did not seem to provide for that sort of case, where an informer had to be employed in the transaction.

Inspector Murphy asked for guidance regarding the disposition of the child concerned.

His Worship replied that there being no transaction with the object specified by the Section, there was no buyer. It was for the Secretariat to concern itself with what was to be done with the child.

CAT FOR CRIMINALS.

OPINION OF A FORMER
HONGKONG WARDER.

Pointing out that the cat-o-nine-tails is used in Hongkong as a method of punishment for certain types of criminals and has proved highly effective in reducing crime in the Colony, Mr. W. J. J. Gant, former principal warder at Hongkong, endorsed the assertion made by Mr. Stirling Fessenden, director general of the Shanghai Municipal Council, to the effect that the use of the "cat" there would greatly decrease crime.

In a statement made to a representative of *The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury*, Mr. Gant declared that if the "cat" is restored in armed kidnappings, armed robberies and other crimes of violence, "I have my statement," he said, "on actual experience with criminals; on facts, not theories. A few years ago a crime wave swept Hongkong, accompanied by riots. This was just before the war. Residents were stoned, police were shot and sometimes killed and violent crimes of other natures reported.

Urgent Meeting Called.

"An urgent meeting was called by the authorities and an act was passed empowering magistrates to order the use of the cat-o-nine-tails, up to 24 lashes, for certain types of crimes.

"Before the 'cat' was applied to a criminal the police usually rounded up a score or more of gangsters, herded them into the prison and in full view of the whipping scene. They were told why the prisoner was being punished and were instructed to go out and tell their friends what they had witnessed."

Mr. Gant stressed that criminals in Hongkong are of the same type to be found in Shanghai and that the "cat" method of punishment proved highly satisfactory in Hongkong and would no doubt prove the same there.

He does not, however, advocate the "cat" for persons who are first offenders or for minor crimes. During the serious

Hongkong, Mr. Gant stated, as high as 12 persons a day were "cat-tailed" and the scene witnessed by scores of other criminals.

The Chinese gangster-criminal, Mr. Gant believes, would much rather face the prospect of five years in prison than a dozen strokes of the "cat." He related an incident of a foreigner being given 12 strokes of the "cat" at Hongkong for smuggling arms from a vessel in port.

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RADIO NOTICES.

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Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz	January 14.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	January 14.
Australia and Manila	Taipei	January 14.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 27th Dec. 1930.)	Pros. Jackson	January 16.
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Parcels 14th Dec. 1930.	Kashmir	January 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Tikarung	January 18.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kamo Maru	January 21.
Japan	Hakone Maru	January 23.
Straits	Katori Maru	January 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Pros. Johnson	January 24.
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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues., Jan. 13, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	Tues., Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Chip Shing	Tues., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Duisburg	Tues., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Yusang	Wed., Jan. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Jan. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Tourne	Chung Kong	Wed., Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thurs., Jan. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	Thurs., Jan. 15, 10 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kwei Yang	Thurs., Jan. 15, 12.30 p.m.
Dairen	Rhexen	Thurs., Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhol and Hainphong	King Yuan	Fri., Jan. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., Jan. 16, 1 p.m.
Japan	Kashgar	Fri., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Kashgar	Fri., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashmir	Sat., Jan. 17.
	Parcels	10th 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 17, 9.00 a.m.
	Letters	10.00 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	10th 5.00 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 17, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 14th Feb.)	
Sandakan	Mausang	Sat., Jan. 17, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Sat., Jan. 17, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	11.00 a.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Jan. 18, 9 a.m.
Sandakan	Mau Sang	Sun., Jan. 18, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pros. Pierce	Mon., Jan. 19.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Mon., Jan. 19.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan and Honolulu	Shinyo Maru	Mon., Jan. 19, 6.00 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tai Ping	Tues., Jan. 20.
	Parcels	Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 31st Jan.)	
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tikarung	Tues., Jan. 20, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hainyang	Tues., Jan. 20, 1.00 p.m.
Suigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *East and *South Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	General Metlinger	Tues., Jan. 20.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1.15 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th Feb.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Tues., Jan. 20.
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	Registration	4.30 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 18th February.)	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Thurs., Jan. 22.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 4th February.)	
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Fri., Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru	Sat., Jan. 24.
	Registration	Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	Jan. 24, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd February.)	

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It is learned that Mr. Kimura, among other things, will press for the completion of the Kirin-Tunhua Railway to the Korean Border in return for various concessions which Japan is prepared to make regarding railway construction in Manchuria.

Other points which Mr. Kimura is expected to take up include, firstly the repayment of Japanese

loans to Mukden and the construction of the Taonan-Tailishan and Kirin-Tunhua lines on which no interest has thus far been paid; secondly, the question of China's violation of the agreement to refrain from constructing parallel lines competing with the South Manchuria Railway. Regarding the first, it is understood that Japan is prepared to make the terms of repayment as easy as possible, and as regards the second it is probable that Japan is prepared to overlook the violation of the agreement, provided some agreement is reached whereby the S.M.R. would be guaranteed a certain percentage of the freight which would ordinarily be carried on the S.M.R.—Editor.



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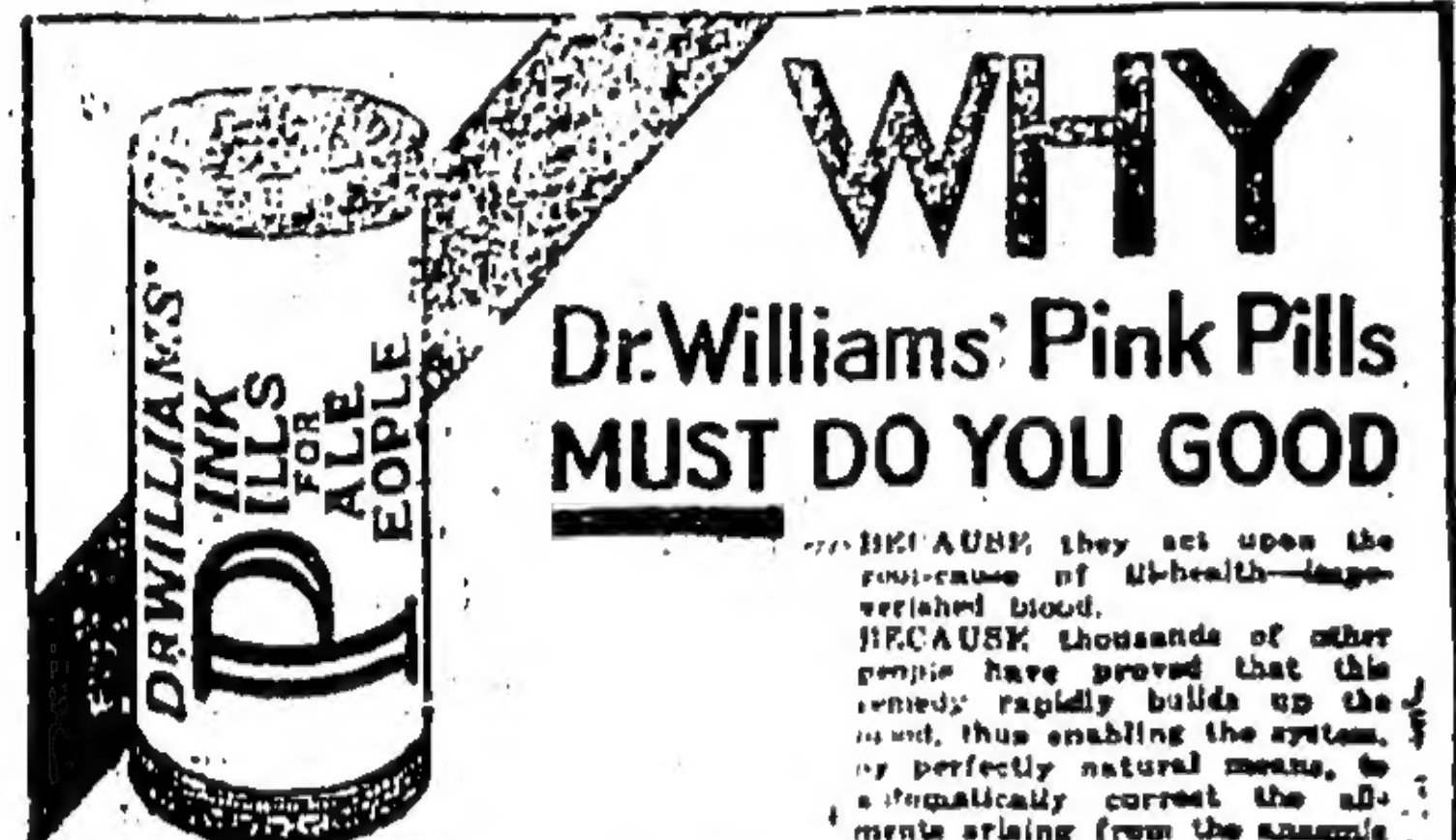
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ALLEGED "PLANT."

AMMUNITION ON BOARD A TRADING JUNK.

Charged with having had in his possession thirteen rounds of revolver ammunition on board a junk, lying in the Yau-mat typhoon shelter on December 26, a Chinese, Chau Tim, appeared before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, and through his solicitor, Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, tendered a plea of not guilty.

According to Detective Sergeant Fitches a party of police under Detective Inspector Fallon proceeded from the Yau-mat pier to some junks lying in the typhoon shelter to conduct a search. When they got near the junks several people appeared and one man, wearing a dark overcoat and black hat, was seen to run over the three junks alongside each other. Witness boarded the nearest junk and gave chase and arrested the man. The defendant was searched by a Chinese detective and the ammunition found in his pocket. In reply to Mr. Rendall, witness said that they had no warrant. They went to search the junk on information received.

Detective Inspector Fallon, after giving similar evidence added that the information they received was to the effect that there was a party of men on board a junk who had a Mauser pistol and a revolver and were contemplating a piratical attack on a ferry launch. Witness, in reply to Mr. Rendall said that no pistol or revolver was found on the junk mentioned when it was searched. The police interpreter of the Yau-mat station produced the statement made by the defendant as follows: "I was carrying this ammunition to Chinese territory for other purposes. I know it is unlawful, but I carried it for friendship."

Story for Defence.

Outlining the story for the defence, Mr. Rendall said that the defendant and his brother owned a junk, 4023, trading between Hongkong and Si Kiu. On December 22 they returned from Si Kiu with a cargo of sugar-cane and vegetables. On the day previous to the police raid, a man named Chau Yee, well-known to defendant's brother, came on board with another man Leung Shu-hi. Leung asked the defendant to carry a small parcel to Si Kiu, which defendant said he would do. Leung handed over the parcel to the defendant, who put it in his pocket without knowing what it contained. The two visitors then left, but Chau Yee returned later. That night another man Wong Sing also came on board to sell opium and went away after some time. During the night defendant, feeling something hard in the pocket, opened it and discovered that it contained ammunition. As it was late he kept it in his pocket and went to sleep. When he got up the following morning and saw the police launch approaching, with Wong Sing in it, he suspected something and ran away. It was then that Chau Yee pointed him out to the police and he was arrested.

After the defendant had given evidence bearing out this story, Mr. Rendall pleaded guilty to technical offence, in that the defendant knew that the parcel contained ammunition but still kept it in his possession. Mr. Butters imposed a sentence of one year's imprisonment.

CHINA DECLINES.

AMERICAN OFFER OF SILVER LOAN.

Peking, Jan. 12. Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Chinese Government, in the course of an interview with Chinese correspondents at Tientsin is reported to have declared that he is well aware that the fall in silver has seriously affected China's financial condition, making payments of foreign debts much harder and constituting an obstacle to the import of machinery, et cetera, needed in the

LOCAL RADIO.

CHINESE STUDIO CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres. 5.00-5.05 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co. 5.00-5.40 p.m. Orchestral. Stenka Razin (Glaxoneur). Brussels Royal Conservatoire Orchestra. 2183-2184. Overture (Weber). Willem Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra. 2312-2313. Ruy Blas-Overture. B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra. 0278. 5.40-5.10 p.m. Musical Comedy. That's a Good Girl-Fancy Our Meeting. The One I'm Looking For (From That's a Good Girl). Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph with Debroy Somers Band. 9402. The Desert Song (Selections). Debroy Somers' Band. 3200. On With The Show, 1930 (Selections). Debroy Somers' Band. 74. 6.10-6.35 p.m. Band Selections. The Black Domino Overture. B. B. C. Wireless Military Band. 25. Regimental March. The National Military Band. 138. Marche Slav. The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 50. 6.35-7.25 p.m. Concert Items. Orchestral Selections (arr. Ewing). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9440. Song-The Kerry Dance (Molloy). Song-The Song My Mother Sang. Doris Vane (Soprano). 157. Violin Solo-Slavonic Dance in G. Minor (Dvorak-Kreisler). Joseph Szegedi. 2097. Duet-Excelsior (Longfellow and Balfe). Hubert Elsdell and Norman Allin. 70. Cello Solo-Melodie (Gluck and Squire). W. H. Squire. 2060. Quartette-I See My Love At The Window, b. Calliope. Lions Quartette of Seattle. 5170. Organ Solo-Scherzo (Commette). Edgar Commette. 5316. Cello Solo-Reverie (Dukler). W. H. Squire. 2060. 7.25-8.00 p.m. Operatic. Song-La Tosca-Viva D'Arte (Puccini). Song-Cavalleria Rusticana-Voi Lo Sento (Mascagni). Eva Turner (Soprano). 2118. Duet-II Trovatore (Verdi). Arrangi Lombardi and Carlo Galeffi. 2157. Song-Lucia Di Lammermoor (Mad Scene) (Donizetti). Song-Lucia Di Lammermoor (Cover With Bitter Tears). 2052. Song-The Mikado-A More Humane Mikado (Gilbert and Sullivan). Song-The Mikado-Tit Willow. Harold Williams (Hornet). 180. 8.00 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert. 9.00 p.m. Weather Report. Local Time, etc. 11.30 p.m. Close Down.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:—
London Terminals.
March 6/1 1/2 up 3/4.
May 6/33, down 1/4.
August 6/63, no change.
December 6/103, no change.
New York Terminals.
March 1.33 down 1 pts.
May 1.39 down 2 pts.
July 1.46 down 3 pts.
September 1.53 down 2 pts.
December 1.60 down 3 pts.
Cuban .96% C.I.F. U.K. value 6/12.
Krusian Crystals—2 carboys; prompt shipment, sold to India 7/3.
Java Market.—Seller holding back awaiting result of Conference in Europe. Quote Whites F.O.B. 183.
constructive development of the country, but he does not approve of the proposal for a large silver loan to China, which proposal is "obviously detrimental" to China.
Mr. Soong said that America is anxious to lend a large quantity of raw silver, as the silver mines in America are hard hit by the slump, but other means must be found to restore a better exchange rate between gold and silver.—Reuter.

S. P. C. A.

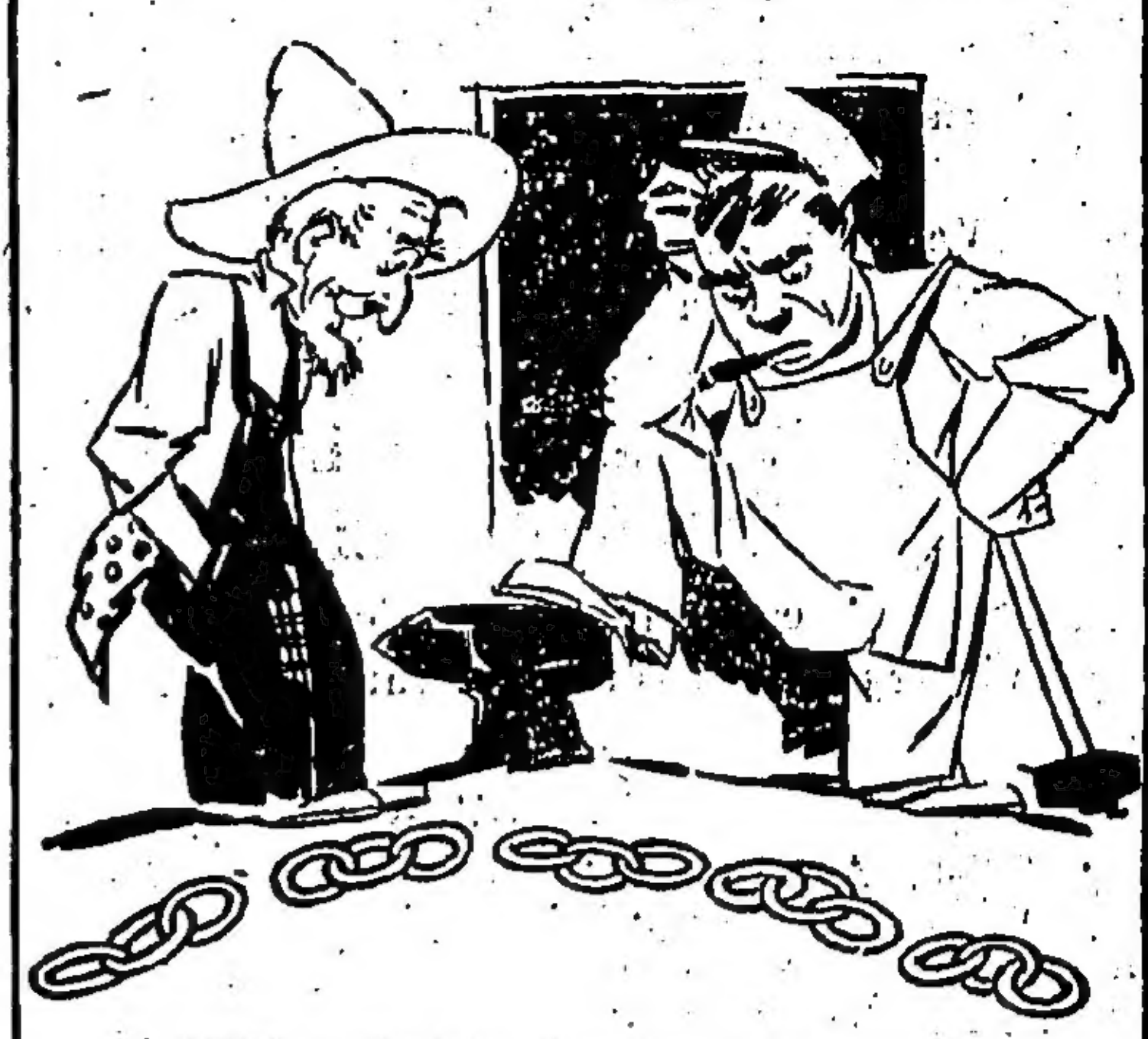
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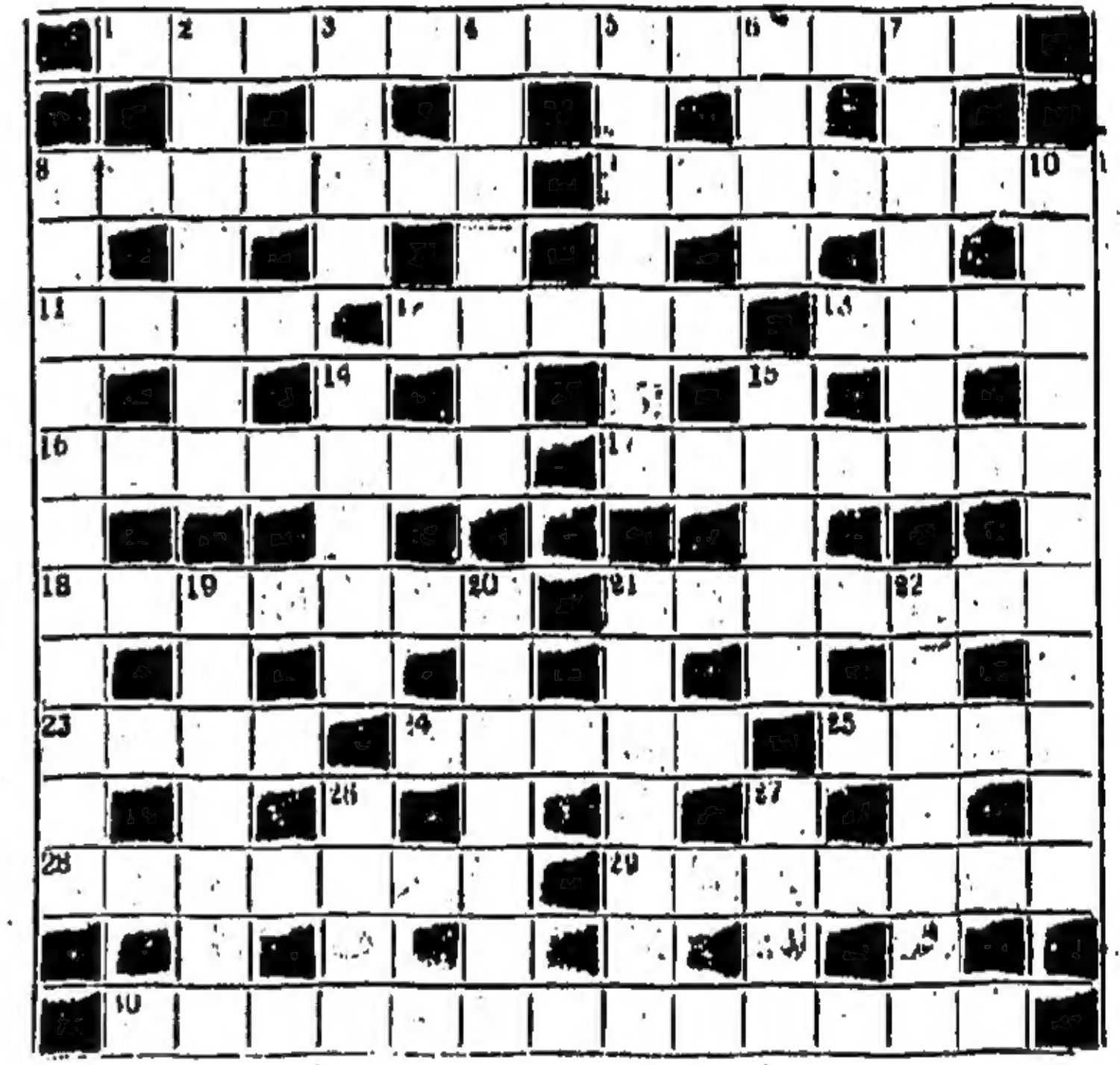


A FARMER, wanting to have these pieces of chain welded into a single length, was told by the blacksmith that it would cost him one cent for every time that a link was cut and one cent for every time that a link was welded together. "Then it will cost me exactly six cents," said the farmer. "No, eight cents," replied the blacksmith. Which one was correct?

Yesterday's Solution.

The answer to the bookworm puzzle is two and one-half inches. You will find that, when three books are placed together, as in the sketch, the first page of the first volume and the last page of the third volume are the ones that are actually nearest to the middle volume. That would mean that the book-worm has only four covers and the distance of the middle book to go, which is a total of two and one-half inches.

OUR 'BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

- "No zero in caves" (anag.).
- This Sussex town takes its name from the French word for the swallow.
- Very old-fashioned.
- Please listen to him. Let my pupil explain (hidden).
- Stayed in a dwelling-place.
- At the head of the chapter.
- Put into action.
- A little Somerset town.
- This form of affectation was very pronounced in the days of Beau Brummel.
- Describe the Wandering Jew.
- Give this fresh water an extra head and it will be a deep-sea fish.
- An anagram of 14 down.
- Give this fairy scope and she will be useful in the Navy.
- Tobacco that is not a mixture (two words).
- His son nets them all in. He will stand a pal dinner at every opportunity (hidden).
- "Break on the red" (anag.).

Down.

- Wealthy.
- Clearly seen in evidence.
- May be ruled.
- Here part of a lock is given—in fact, it is all given.
- The measurable part of a hoisting machine.
- Don't worry if you can't get this clue quite right; your nearest will do.

Yesterday's Solution.

FORESIGHTED WIFE
DON'T BE RICE
PISTOL NEAT ME V
N O O A D B A M P L E
C U B L U N D E P L B
O P U S I N T H E S E V E R E
T E E C A S H E R N
O U T G R O W O V E R S E T
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A H L P A R A G O N L
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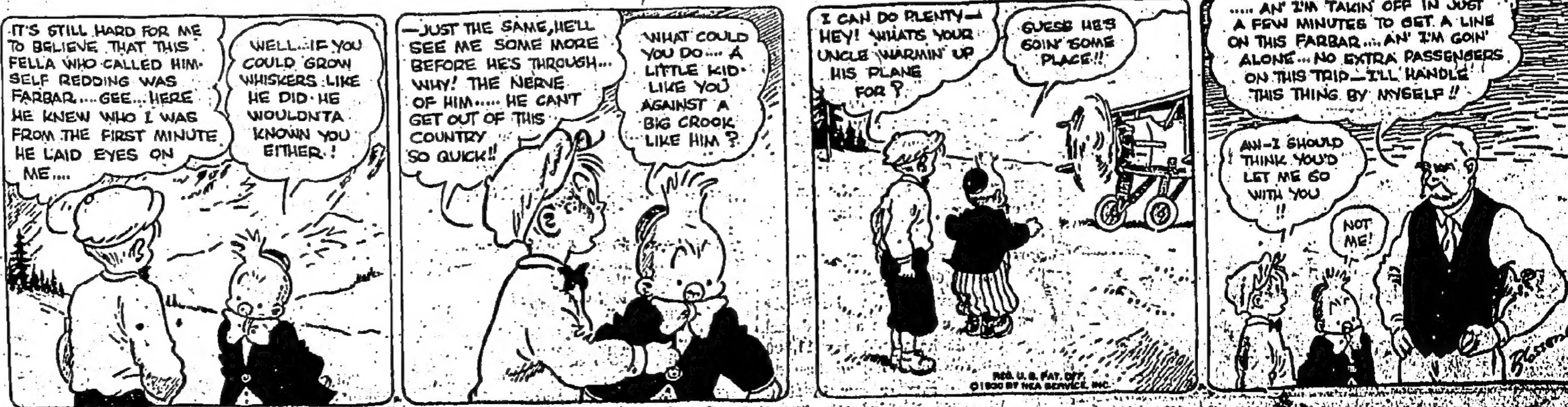
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss W. E. Dakin and Mr. S. A.
Sleep invite their friends to their
wedding at the Peak Church on
Monday, January the 19th, at
3.30 p.m. and afterwards at Hill
Crest, 114, Peak.

DEATH.

BARR.—At the Government Civil
Hospital, on Monday, 12th
January, 1931, William Robert
Barr, age 28, late of Shanghai,
only son of John Barr formerly
of the Hongkong & China
Gas Company, Ltd. Funeral
on Wednesday, passing the
Monument at 5 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 1931.

THE DOLLAR AND THE TAE.

The dollar and the tael are so completely in the doldrums that any proposal having as its object the improvement of monetary exchange rates is certain to attract the widest attention, both in Hongkong and China. Things have reached such a pass, indeed, that no suggested remedy can lightly be disregarded, no scheme, however drastic and revolutionary in its essentials, can be dismissed except after the most careful consideration. Any proposal that offers a reasonable prospect of feasibility, warrants a closer examination. This much, at least, we think, can be claimed for the suggestion advanced through our columns last week and amplified yesterday, involving the imposition by the Chinese Government of a heavy duty on importations of silver, the collection of sufficient funds to provide for a drawback cover on the metal already in the country, and strict supervision over silver movements, in and out of China. The aim, briefly stated, is to give stability to the tael at a figure calculated to be of assistance equally to importers and exporters. The author, a prominent bullion broker, who desires for good and sufficient reasons to preserve his anonymity, considers 2/- to be the minimum rate to which the tael should be allowed to go. The proposals therefore call for the imposition of such a duty upon silver, varying from time to time with the forward quotations of silver in London, as will guarantee this end. An illustration of the working of the scheme reveals that while the importer to-day must pay 17,200 1/3 taels for \$1,000 worth of goods and, say, seven and a half per cent. duty, under the assisted tael arrangement he would pay 11,500 2/- taels for the same goods. He would pay a greater sum in ster-

ling, though so much less in taels. The sterling difference represents the contribution of the importer to the "drawback fund," which he could not grudge in the face of the immense compensation in tael equivalents. What would otherwise be a wroking factor is apparently adequately met by the proposal to limit the export of silver to five million ounces a month.

We confess we see no overpowering objection, no insuperable obstacle, to the adoption of the plan for China, drastic as it undoubtedly is. The trouble is too grave, deep-seated, to permit of measures less vigorous if any effort at all is to be made to combat it. But what of Hongkong? The Colony's situation is not less critical. The cost of living rises rapidly, the increasing cost of government adds to the heavy burden and the savings of the European community, at least, are fast disappearing. Should the dollar remain at its present ludicrously low level, poverty will stalk the footsteps of a large part of the community (presuming "adjustment" continues to lag so heavily in the rear) and the Treasury will be the first to admit insolvency. The best thought of our currency "experts" has not, as far as we are aware, carried them beyond the ritualistic doctrine that Hongkong must follow China. The question naturally arises, What would be the position of Hongkong presuming the Nanking Finance Minister thought favourably of the silver duty proposal? It is obvious at once that, without considerable modifications, the plan is not applicable to Hongkong. We have no great customs organisation adaptable for the primary workings of the scheme. The Government would derive no advantage from the savings on its sterling commitments, heavy as they are, if those savings were required to cover a drawback, while drawback contributions from importers could not be collected in existing conditions.

We can conceive of no stronger argument in favour of independent action by the Government. If it be proved impracticable to place a heavy local duty on silver, what becomes of the "Follow China" dictum in the event of Nanking action along such lines? It falls to the ground so completely that Humpty Dumpty of nursery fame would offer a simple task of reconstruction by comparison. If that were all, it would be quite enough. When, however, we consider the probable effects on Hongkong's trade of such a situation, China trading on an assisted tael and Hongkong tied helplessly to silver, the demand gathers urgency. We have at all times declined to admit that stabilisation offers serious difficulties. The Colony has been drifting to disaster in the wake of a dead-wood dictum. It is fully in the hands of the Government to make life much easier for the residents of the Colony, and to settle all its own financial problems at one and the same time. Courage and resource are the chief requirements. Even the idea of introducing the pound sterling and shillings and pence into the Colony is not more fantastic than the daily dollar deviations.

The War Debt Question.

When we commented, a few days ago, on the question of the desirability of a cancellation or modification of the war debts, in the interests of world trade, we hardly expected advocacy of that course to come so soon from an American quarter. As will be seen by an overnight telegram, however, the Chairman of the Chase National Bank has now come forward with the view that it would be good business for the United States Government to initiate debt reduction at this juncture. In our recent comments, we showed that much of the present burden of trade depression could be lifted if this war debt problem were squarely faced. It is now certain that if the United States were to broach the matter, there would be a ready response in Europe, not

DAY BY DAY

OF ALL THAT WE KNOW, THERE IS PRACTICALLY NOTHING THAT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY DIRECT INVESTIGATION ON OUR PART: EVERY NOTION WE HAVE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY US ON THE WORD OF SOMEBODY ELSE.—Claremont.

The Empress of Canada, arrived at Vancouver on the 20th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cormie returned by the a.s. President Madison.

The Empress of Japan, from Manila, is due here at 1.00 p.m. to-morrow and will anchor off Kowloon Docks.

Owing to the death of the Princess Royal, the Canton Branch of the Society of St. George have postponed their annual ball until February 28th.

so much because the debtor countries do not like paying, but because the colossal dislocation of trade which the payment of these vast sums entails has had such a serious effect on the economic situation. Quite recently, a leading British banking authority showed that the United States and France, the two creditor nations, are themselves seriously feeling the effect of pressure of war debts and reparations upon the debtor nations, thus wholeheartedly supporting the recent statement of Sir Robert Borden in Ottawa that debt repayment is at the root of much of the existing commercial stagnation. The trouble is that in order to accumulate the necessary amount of foreign currency, the debtors have to stimulate their exports on an uncommercial basis. This process induces the cry of sweated labour and dumping, with the result that tariffs are raised against the goods in question. Yet somehow these goods must be sold if the creditor is to be paid, and so prices fall and general unsettlement begins to manifest itself in the debtor countries, whereupon the creditors get uneasy and become still more inclined to take nothing but gold in payment. Thus a vicious circle is being established—the more the creditors are uneasy, the more they demand gold; and the more they demand gold, the more does their uneasiness appear to be justified. On the point of the nature of the war debts, it is pertinent to observe that they stand in quite a different category from ordinary commercial debts. The Allied debts were incurred, and their loans were made, not for the separate advantage of each or any of them, but for one great purpose common to all, and amongst generously minded people, the mere monetary aspect will never be regarded as a thing apart. It is the special nature of these inter-Government war debts which provides justification for concession and adjustment which it would be wholly impracticable to concede to any other type of debts.

STAGNANT SCOTLAND.

The Causes of her Dwindling Population.

ON April 26, 1931, there is to be a census of the population of Great Britain. It is ten years since the last census, but on that occasion, owing to a mining strike, the census was postponed from April to June, and on the day selected many people were at the seaside enjoying the warm sunny weather. St. Andrews, moreover, was crowded out with competitors and visitors for the Open Golf Championship, which was held during the following week. It will be no surprise if St. Andrews finds its population considerably reduced when next year's figures are available.

But what about Scotland as a whole? According to the latest estimates of the Registrar-General, Scotland's population is dwindling and has been on the down grade for years. It is his belief that during the twelve months of 1929 the decrease was as much as 0.18 per cent. or 9000, and that the total now stands at 4,834,000. Before the war we had regarded the population of Scotland as five millions in round figures. The heavy toll of deaths due to the war, the steady drain of emigration, and the lower ratio of unemployment in the south of England as compared with Scotland, have all contributed to reduce the total of Scotland's population.

What booming trade means to a country as compared with stagnant industries can best be grasped by the statistics of the Ministry of Labour. Glasgow's unemployed is now almost 90,000. For years it has not fallen below the 50,000 mark. London, eight times larger and growing every year, has an unemployed total of only 188,468. In one year the population of England and Wales rose by 125,000 or 1.32 per cent. That estimate of the Registrar-General is borne out by the statistics of the Labour Exchanges; for as men move about the country seeking for work their movements are tabulated at the bureaux.

Crippled Industries.

It has been established beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the last five years the insured population in the southern half of England has steadily increased, while the northern half of England has slowly declined, and Scotland's population has dwindled appreciably. At the moment the southern half of England includes almost 50 per cent. of the total insured population. Wales, whose population was supported by the coal industry, has dwindled rapidly, the population having to move elsewhere to find employment.

Scotland's industries, and especially those of coal mining,

iron and steel making, and ship-building have all been badly hit by depression, with the result that the population has moved to the overseas Dominions, to the United States of America, and to some extent also to the south of England, and especially London.

There has been a persistent cry of "Trade Moving South" in recent days. Is it true, and if so, to what extent?

It may be said to date from that disastrous day when an ungrateful Government decided to close down Rosyth dockyard. Had all the dockyards been closed, English as well as Scottish, on the ground of economy, the blow would have been easier to bear. But only Rosyth and a small yard in Wales were closed. The English yards were retained, and to this day they give employment to many men, whereas Rosyth, which, because of its magnificent strategic situation virtually won the war so far as the Fleet was concerned, has ceased to rank as a dockyard. That decision was momentous, for since then successive Governments have spent millions on London and its neighbourhood, but refused Scotland its ship canal, or the Forth its road bridge at Queensferry.

Add to these things the effect which safeguarding and special duties have had. New factories spring up along the main roads and by the side of the principal railways near London, but largely missed Scotland. By mass production of new wares, keen organisation, more modern methods of salesmanship, the big multiple traders from the south have penetrated into the north of England and Scotland, and the trade which they are capturing is keeping factories busy in the south of England. In the smallest country town in Scotland the English manufacturers and traders have their retail stores and their agencies. Ten years ago these were very rare; but nowadays they are to be found everywhere, and always with fine premises and on the best sites.

Scottish Emigrants.

During the boom years in the United States the flow of emigration across the Atlantic was very great. It has fallen off now. Commencing, however, about the winter of 1921-22 artisans in thousands sought employment in the United States. If unemployment now prevails in America and the flow of emigration has decreased, yet tens of thousands of people from Scotland have now settled and become citizens of an alien country. During five years it is estimated that emigration to Canada and the United States carried with it as many Scots as English, though the population of

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"My ideal of a husband is one who is amiable and agreeable and yet at the same time dominant and protective."
"Lady, lady, it sounds as though you wished to eat your breadwinner and have him too."

LOCAL AVIATION ENTERPRISE.

AMERICAN COMPANY OPENS IN HONGKONG.

PLANES FOR CANTON.

Further local developments in aviation are foreshadowed by the opening up in Hongkong of the L.E. Gale and Company, Inc., U.S.A., of Shanghai and Hankow, a company carrying considerable aviation interests which is well known in the North. Mr. A.W. Summers, formerly connected with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Limited, and who was the first Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Flying Club, has been placed in charge of the South China headquarters for the Company's Aviation Division, his office being located on the top floor of Union Building.

The Aviation Division is under supervision of Mr. G. W. Brophy, United States transport pilot, who has had many years of experience in aviation in Mexico, Central America and the United States. The expansion of aircraft development in China within recent years is notable, evidence of this being found in the number of machines which took part in the recent uprising in the North, but with the cessation of hostilities commercial enterprise is taking a hand, and more and more attention is being directed to the peaceful branch of flying. China presents an extremely large field for transport by air because of the very meagre transport facilities available by rail and water routes, and those air lines already in existence give promise of much extension in the future.

With business connections established over a large area, the establishment of mail and passenger routes running to schedule will be welcomed by business men in China, as they will be in much closer touch with sub-agencies, branches and important centres in the interior.

A welcoming hand is extended to Mr. Summers, for his success may indirectly mean much in the way of facilitating business operations and communications in China. The L. E. Gale Company have offices at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Chungking, and they are representatives in the Far East for the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, the Detroit Aircraft Corporation, the Waco Aircraft Company, the Glenn I. Martin Company and the Warner Aircraft Corporation.

The Company has sold and delivered over 75 aeroplanes in less than two years. Recently an agreement was entered into for the Company to supply six Waco Military Type aeroplanes, powered with 240 h.p. engines, and two Model B-5 Ryan commercial machines, to the Canton Aviation Bureau. Both the Ryans are, at present, engaged on the Canton-Wuchow air line, under the supervision of the Canton Government.

LOCAL ESTATES.

PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Family bequests are contained in the will of the late Mr. Cecil Percy Dawson, retired from the Chinese Maritime Customs, late of No. 100, Avenue du Roi Albert, Shanghai, who died at Shanghai on November 12, 1930, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$10,600. Re-issuing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for Shanghai, Pauline Louise Dawson, of Shanghai. The late Mr. Dawson was formerly of Victoria, Canada.

Chung Lam, formerly employed as a conductor by the Tramway Company of Manila, who died intestate at No. 18, Yunnan Lane, Yau-mai, on or about July 16, 1930, left local estate worth \$3,200. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Chung Tui-shi, living at the Yunnan Lane address.

Local estate to the value of \$1,000 was left by the late Mrs. Margaret Broadbush, missionary, who died at the Matilda Hospital on January 31, 1930. Letters of administration have been granted to her husband Mr. Emmett Lackey Broadbush, also a missionary, living at No. 25, Po Kong Road, Kowloon City.

Two electric motor pumps, valued at \$70, were stolen yesterday from the basement of No. 55 and 57, Wongachong Road. They were the property of X. B. Lee, a building contractor, and his folks are suspected of having been the culprits.

Bill Melhorn and Bobby Cruickshank, the noted American golfers, arrived in the Colony this morning and were met by Col. Matthews, Secretary of the Golf Club. They are to meet in an exhibition match at Fanning tomorrow afternoon, an attraction which is sure to appeal to all golf enthusiasts.

THE INDIA FEDERAL UNION PLAN.

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empowered to secure the enactment of such legislative measures as may be essential for the discharging of his responsibilities on these subjects. The Sub-Committee anticipated that in the event of its becoming necessary to use these powers, the Governor-General would not ordinarily do so without consulting his Ministers, even though the responsibility for any action taken would be his.

Constitutional Rights.

Regarding the subjects in the administration on which the Governor-General would act on the advice of his Ministers, it is generally agreed that in the last resort he must be responsible for the arrangements for securing peace and tranquillity in any part of India. Members of the Public Services must be secured in any right guaranteed to them by the Constitution, and it is agreed for this purpose that the Governor-General must have special powers.

In the sphere of finance, the Sub-Committee regarded as a fundamental condition of success of the new Constitution that no room should be left for doubts as to the ability of India to maintain her financial stability, both at home and abroad.

It would, therefore, be necessary to reserve to the Governor-General such essential powers as would enable him to intervene if methods were being pursued which would prejudice India in the money markets of the world.

The Sub-Committee recommended that efforts should be made to establish on a sure foundation, and free from any political influence, an early as possible, a Reserve Bank entrusted with this management of currency and exchange. With the same object, provisions should be made for the introduction of a Bill dealing with coinage.

The Sub-Committee were further agreed that the services of a loan for adequate provision for salaries and pensions of persons appointed under the guarantees given by the Secretary of State should be secured, along with special requirements, as a Consolidated Fund Charge.

Fiscal Policy.

With this exception, there would be no difference between the Finance Minister and any other Minister, and with regard to taxation and fiscal policy he would be responsible.

The Sub-Committee recognised that it may be difficult under existing conditions to set up a Reserve Bank immediately, and therefore a special provision will be necessary in the meantime to secure to the Governor-General adequate control of monetary policy and currency.

They assume also that the Governor-General will continue to have the right of refusing assent to legislative measures and of returning any Bill for consideration, and, subject to any instructions issued to the Governor-General, that the existing powers as to reservations and this allowance will remain.

In the event of a breakdown of the Constitution, adequate powers must be entrusted with the Governor-General for the purpose of enabling the King's Government to be carried on.

Legislature Issue.

In regard to the Legislature, the Sub-Committee proceeded on the basis there will be two Chambers—an Upper House, or Senate, comprising 150 members, and a Lower House comprising 200 members.

As to the qualification of members of the Upper House, it is suggested that a principle similar to those in force for the Council of State should apply in British India, and that the States should take measures to ensure the appointment of men of similar standing. The Committee suggested that the Provincial Legislatures should elect members to the Senate by a single transferable vote and that a fixed proportion of members of the Senate be replaced at regular periods.

The term of the Lower Chamber members should be five years, unless the Legislature were dissolved sooner by the Governor-General.

Difference of Opinion.

As regards the distribution of seats, there was a difference of opinion in the Committee, as also on the method of election, whether direct or indirect. Subject to any decisions of the Conference, places should be found for the minorities if possible in both Chambers, and certainly in the Lower Chamber for the depressed classes, Indian Christians, Europeans, Anglo-Indians, Indians, commercial representatives both European and Indian, and Labour.

For the purpose of securing greater stability to the Executive, the suggestion was made, and found large support, that Ministers should not be compelled to resign unless there was an adverse vote of two-thirds of both Cham-

COUNTERFEIT COIN POSSESSION.

TWO WOMEN SENTENCED AT KOWLOON.

SHOPS VICTIMISED.

Two women named Cheung Mo and Chan Mui respectively, were brought by Sub-Inspector Elston before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of having uttered four counterfeit ten-cent pieces and of possession.

The first defendant was also charged with possession of three counterfeit ten-cent pieces with intent to utter, and the second defendant with possession of eleven counterfeit ten-cent pieces with intent to utter.

Chan Kai-tai, shop foki of 13, Tai Kou Ling Street, said the two defendants came to the shop on Sunday and bought four pairs of clogs. They tendered sixty cents in ten-cent pieces. They went away, but the first defendant returned later and brought two more pairs, paying twenty-five cents in three ten-cent pieces. She was given five cents change. After she had gone, witness discovered that six ten-cent pieces were bad and three were good. He ran out into the street and saw the two defendants and asked them to change the six ten-cent pieces which they did.

Leung Tung, foki of a grocery shop in 14, Nga Tsin Wai Road, said that on Sunday last the two defendants came to the shop and each purchased some articles. They paid for each article they bought as it was delivered. The money was received by the accountant. He did not see the money they tendered.

The accountant of the shop, Wan Kam-pui, said that each of the defendants tendered two ten-cent pieces each for the eggs they bought. He gave them back nine cents. They each tendered two ten-cent pieces as they bought the other articles and were given their change back. Each of them gave four ten-cent pieces. Witness gave two of the ten-cent pieces to another customer who drew his attention to the fact that they were counterfeit. He then called his foki and told him to run after the two women. The defendants were brought back to the shop and handed them over to a Chinese detective.

After further evidence, the first defendant said that she received the coins among some change from a cloth seller, and together with the second defendant she went to pass the coins on to others. They did not know the coins were bad until the clog seller informed them of the fact.

Mr. Butters convicted the defendants on the first charge and sentenced them to four months' each. The first defendant was discharged on the second count and the second defendant sentenced to four months' concurrent with the first sentence on the second count against her.

SIXTEEN RUNNERS FINED.

ONE FISHED OUT OF THE HARBOUR.

No fewer than sixteen boarding-house runners were brought before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hols, at the Marine Court this morning for boarding the President Pierce yesterday without permission from the master or the officer on duty.

All pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector Munro informed his Worship that the defendants got on board before the President Pierce had been made fast along-side Kowloon Wharf. The police were called and the defendants were accordingly arrested. One of them attempted to escape by jumping overboard, but he was taken out of the water into custody.

The defendants were fined \$10 each, with the exception of four who had appeared before on the same offence. One had served three months and the maximum fine of \$50 was imposed on this defendant, while the other three were fined \$25 each.

born sitting together. The Sub-Committee are of the opinion that some means should be devised whereby, in the interests of stability, an adverse vote should not on every occasion involve resignation.

Task Nearly Over.

The Round Table Conference is expected to end its task this week. It has been provisionally arranged to hold a full meeting of the Conference in committee on Thursday and Friday, and a Plenary Session on the latter day, when the Prime Minister will make a speech outlining the Government's proposals, to be embodied in a measure for presentation to Parliament.

The delegates expect to say farewell one to another next Monday at the latest.—British Wireless.

PAYMENT OF TAXES IN CANADA.

C. P. R. PRESIDENT ANSWERS C. N. R. OFFICIAL.

"The figures quoted by the president of the Canadian National Railways in respect of the taxes paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company during the years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 fall very far short of telling the whole story," said E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in commenting on the taxation references of Sir Henry Thornton in his address before the Toronto Board of Trade Club recently.

"It was stated by the speaker," Mr. Beatty continued, "that the federal, provincial and municipal taxes paid by the Canadian National during these four years amounted to \$18,709,000, or an amount only \$3,000,000 less than that paid by the Canadian Pacific. While it may be possible that the figures were intended to be confined to taxes paid in respect of railway operations only, the fact is that during this period the Canadian Pacific actually paid in taxes of all classes over \$31,400,000, or approximately \$12,600,000, instead of \$3,000,000, more than the figure given for the Canadian National. Of the total amount paid by the Canadian Pacific, \$30,700,000 was paid in Canadian taxes, whereas a considerable portion of the Canadian National taxes are paid in the United States. The actual difference in the Canadian taxation is, therefore, very marked.

"The published figures of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that the taxes paid in connection with rail operations in Canada were: Canadian Pacific, \$21,865,000, Canadian National, \$18,615,000. The Canadian National has a greater mileage in Canada by 6,700 miles. The Canadian taxes per mile of line for each system (rail operations only), are: Canadian Pacific, \$384.81 per mile, and the Canadian National, \$170.18 per mile, excluding eastern lines which extend east of Quebec into the Maritimes, or \$162.2 per mile including eastern lines.

"Since the inception of the Federal Income Tax (1916), the Canadian Pacific has paid on this account alone \$26,471,197.

"I have never heard it suggested that the Canadian National Railways do not pay provincial or municipal taxes, though their federal taxes must aggregate very little."

DEATH OF MR. WM. R. BARR.

PASSES AWAY AT GOVT. CIVIL HOSPITAL.

It is with sincere regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. William Robert Barr, who passed away at the Government Civil Hospital last evening from tuberculosis. The deceased, who was only 28 years of age, was a son of Mr. John Barr, who was for many years with the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., at West Point and Kowloon.

The late Mr. Barr, who came to Hongkong with his father as a small boy, was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School, and later he entered the piece-goods department of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company. He then left their employment and went home to Yorkshire in order more closely to study the piece-goods business. On returning to Hongkong, he joined Messrs. Hughes and Hough, auctioneers, with whom he remained for some years, and in 1924 he resigned his position with this firm and proceeded home again.

Subsequently, he came East again, proceeding to Shanghai as a manufacturers' agent, but, owing to the unsettled state of trade, he gave up this position and joined the Linotype and Machinery Company in Shanghai, in whose employment he remained.

Owing to reasons of health, the late Mr. Barr recently decided to make a trip to Australia, in the hope of recuperating, but unfortunately his condition became worse and on the ship's arrival in Hongkong on December 2nd last he had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where he remained a patient until his death last evening.

The deceased gentleman was of a very genial disposition and was extremely popular amongst all who enjoyed his friendship. He did well at school and was an excellent Chinese scholar. He was, moreover, a talented musician and a man of marked organising ability. Well-known and greatly liked amongst the younger set in Hongkong, his death at such an early age will be deeply regretted, and much sympathy will be felt for his parents and sister, who reside at Bingley, in Yorkshire.

The funeral will, it is expected, take place to-morrow (Wednesday), passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

Mr. William E. Scotten, American Vice-Consul, arrived here by the S.S. President Pierce, en route to his post at Saigon.

LIBERIAN SLAVE SCANDAL.

UNDERTAKING TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

COUNTER-MEASURES.

Geneva, Jan. 12. The Secretariat of the League of Nations has issued a copy of a letter received from the Liberian Charge D'Affaires at Geneva, stating that the Liberian Government accepts the principle of the recommendations of the International Commission of Inquiry, and undertakes to apply them "to the full extent of its resources."

Strong Press Comment.

London, Jan. 12. The report of the International Commission of Enquiry into the existence of slavery and forced labour in the Republic of Liberia, is given much prominence in the newspapers. The report shows that this Negro Republic has been tolerating, in the Commissioners' terms, "conditions of criminal compulsion scarcely distinguishable from slave-raiding and slave trading."

The Times says:—"The report exposes a maladministration so cruel and so corrupt, and the exploitation of native workers by their Negro masters so scandalous and so shameful, that the civilized world will not be satisfied until effective measures have been taken to substitute a system of justice for this reign of brute force, and to establish decent conditions of labour. The method by which the desired introduction of reforms can best be effected, is rather delicate and a difficult international question. Liberia is a member of the League of Nations. These affairs are at the same time considered in Washington to be a peculiar concern of the United States, and the attitude of the State Department in Washington is thus clearly of immediate importance."

In the meantime, the British Government has entered consideration of the report as an item on the agenda of the League Council at its forthcoming session. International diplomacy will have to be circumspect as well as resolute, in order to ensure that national susceptibilities do not hamper the action which the united opinion of civilization will demand.—British Wireless.

STAGNANT SCOTLAND.

(Continued from Page 6.)

the two countries is so disproportionate. The peak of this exodus was reached in 1923, when 46,343 persons sailed from the Clyde for the United States and 29,070 for Canada.

How the South has benefited at the expense of the North is exemplified in the case of Southampton. The rise to fame and prosperity of this important seaport has all taken place in the last ten years. It has now a population closely approaching 200,000, whereas just after the war it had barely 150,000. Southampton has seized its opportunities with both hands and has gone on developing its dock accommodation. By 1931 the first section of a new scheme to double the present quayage will be opened.

In all Scotland, from north to south and from east to west, there may be said to be not more than six places which can claim the distinction of a quick increase in population due to new industries. Ballachulish and Kinlochleven were founded for the manufacture of aluminium, and within the last year Inverloch, which combines this industry with that of hydro-electric energy for a wide area in the Highlands, are illustrations of what can be done to build up new communities. Inchinnan in Renfrewshire is another place of mushroom growth. There the manufacture of rubber tyres has assumed such proportions that a new factory is constantly being added, and houses for operatives are being built as quickly as workmen can put them together.

Scotland needs more of these new industries, for all too many of the old industries are stagnant and may never revive. The decrease in our population is primarily due to that fact.

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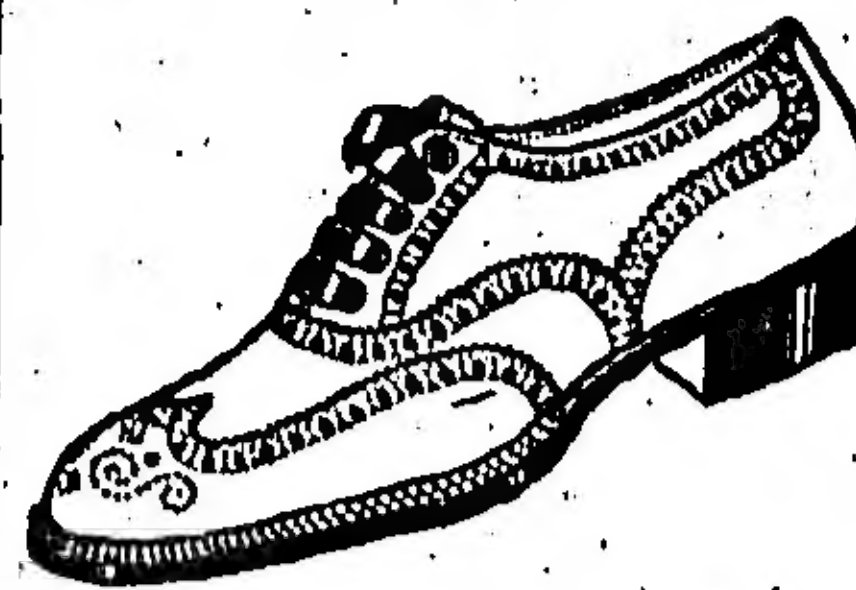
CLERK FAILS TO APPEAR.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Failing to appear before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning to answer a charge of embezzlement of \$520, Cheung Chak-pui, a clerk formerly employed by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., had his bail of \$1,000 returned, and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the complainants.

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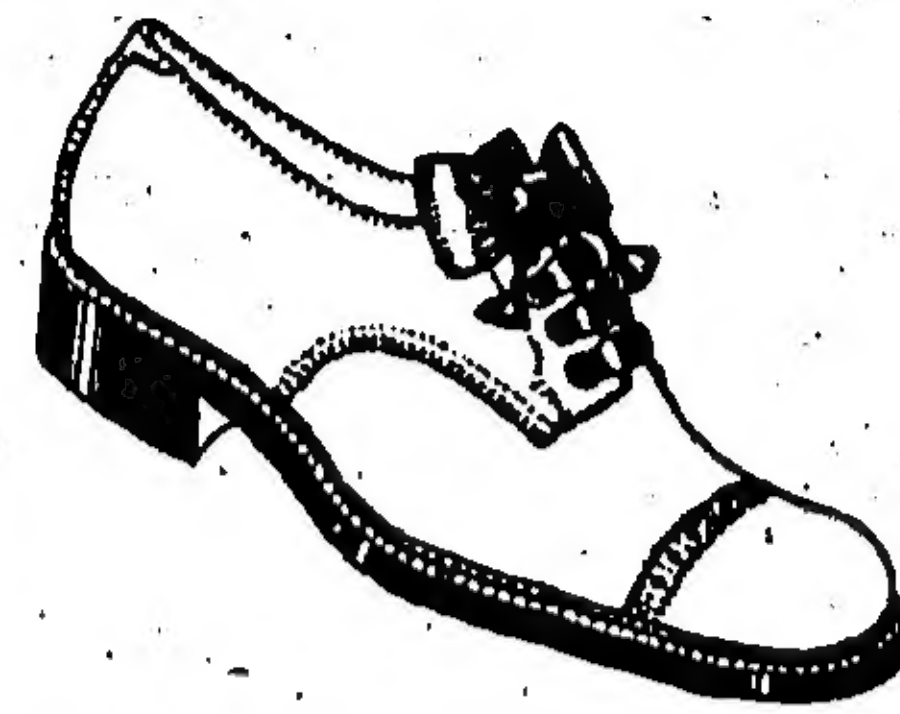
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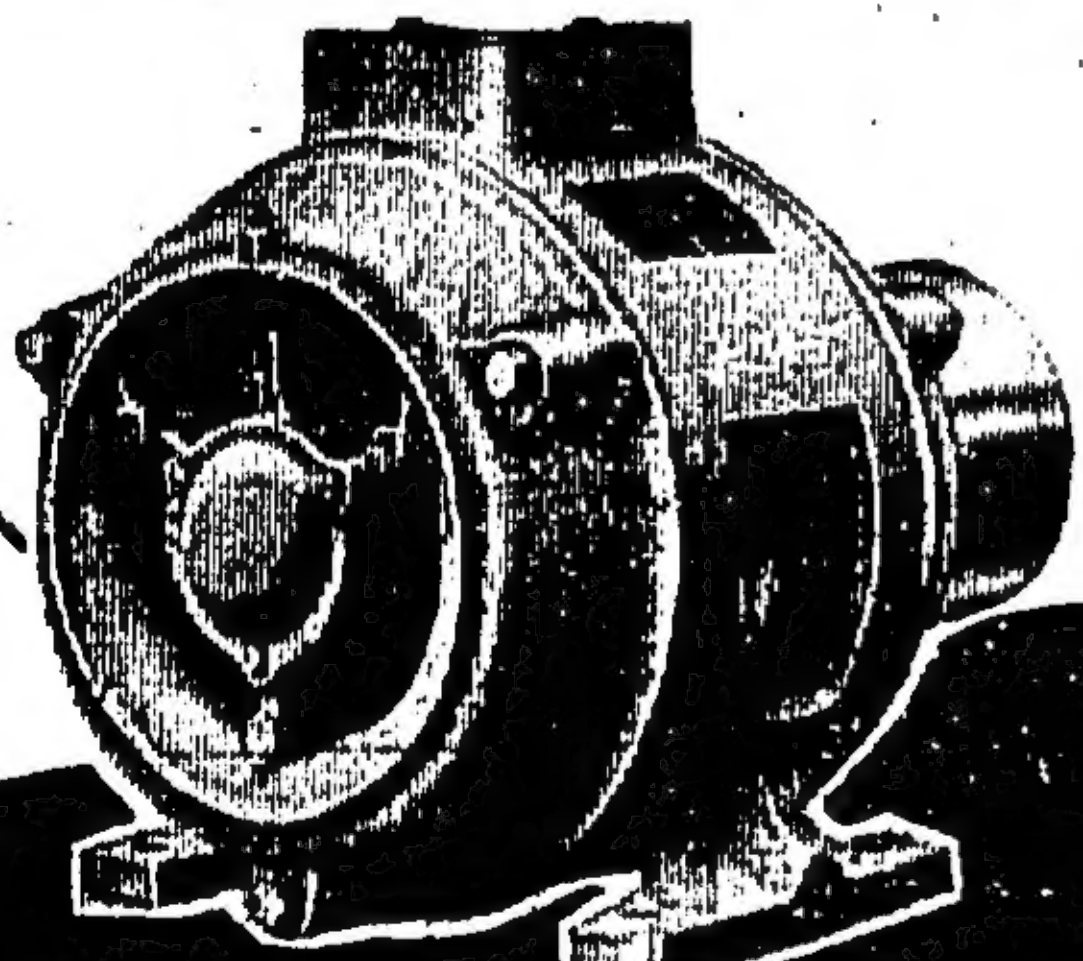
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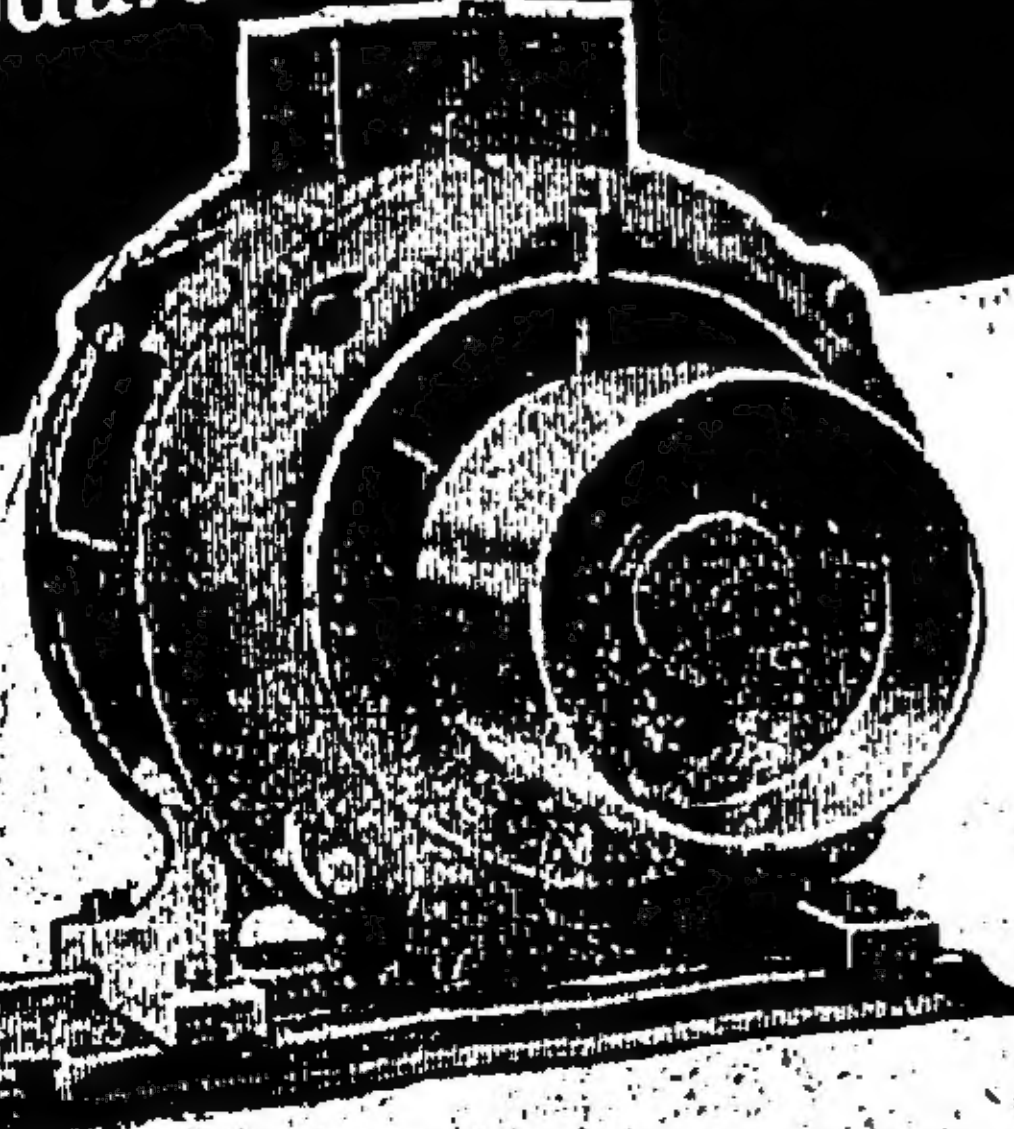
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CANTON RIDE.

GOOD SPORT AT NEW YEAR'S MEETING.

Canton, Jan. 12.
The Canton Ride held their New Year Meeting yesterday on the new aviation ground at Tungshan which was loaned by the courtesy of the Chief of the Aviation Department. In excellent weather, which was not too cold, some very good sport was provided. Results:
Honour Plate.—One mile flat race for "B" class China ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.
Miss Claire Hayward's Silver King (Owner) 1
Mr. Lehmann's Maori (Mr. Hardt) 2
General Wong Keung's Fifty (Owner) 3
Pari-mutuel:—Winner (one dollar ticket) \$19.20; 1st, \$1.70; 2nd, \$4.70; 3rd, \$3.60.
Also ran:—Frank (Mr. Balst), Gallula (Mr. Janssen), Gilly (Mr. Gavin), Scheck (Mr. Waick), Brown Eve (Mr. Ng).
Won by a length; half a length between 2nd and 3rd.
Pagoda Handicap.—1½ mile flat race for "A" class ponies to be owned by a member.
General Chan Ming-shu's Glorious Stag (Mr. Lo Ming-wa) 1
General Wong Keung's Rio Colorado (Mr. Ng) 2
Mr. Waick's Zircon II (Owner) 3
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$2.30; 1st, \$1.50; 2nd, 1.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
Won by a head; half a length between 2nd and 3rd.
Also ran:—Incontrovertible (Mr. S. W. Tang) King Throistle (Mr. Rafeck), Temple Handicap.—1½ miles flat race for "A" class ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.
Catch weights at 165 lbs.
Dr. Canaval's Macaulay (Owner) 1
Mr. F. Huygen's Samaritan (Owner) 2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$2.30; 1st, \$1.10; 2nd, \$1.00.
Also ran:—Doric (Mr. Gavin), Discard (Mr. Lo Ming-wa).
Won by a neck.
Hunter's Plate.—1 mile hurdle race for "B" class China ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.
Catch weights at 145 lbs.
Admiral Chan Chak's Browne Eve (Mr. Ng Sui-tung) 1
Mr. Lehmann's Maori (Mr. Hardt) 2
Miss Claire Hayward's Silver King (Owner) 3
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$0.20; 1st, \$1.30; 2nd, \$2.10; 3rd, 70 cents.
Won by two lengths; many lengths between 2nd and 3rd.
Also ran:—Fifty (Gen. Wong), Callula (Mr. Gavin).
Tallyho Plate.—1½ miles hurdle race for "A" class ponies to be owned and ridden by a member, weights as allotted.
Dr. Canaval's Macaulay (Owner) 1
Mr. Lo Ming-wa's Discard (Dr. Credner) 2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$1.80; 1st, \$1.40; 2nd, \$1.10.
Also ran:—King Throistle (Mr. Rafeck), Samaritan (Mr. Huygen).
Won by a length and a half. A neck between 2nd and 3rd (Samaritan).
New Year Maiden Plate.—½ mile flat race for ponies which have started at this or the Autumn meeting and not placed first or second in any event. Catch weights at 145 lbs.
General Wong Keung's Fifty (Owner) 1
Mr. Lehmann's Doric (Mr. Gavin) 2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$13.90; 1st, \$2.80; 2nd, \$1.70; 3rd, 60 cents.
Also ran:—Fifty (Mr. Galloway), Incontrovertible (Mr. S. W. Tang).
Won by two lengths; many lengths between 2nd and 3rd.
The Christmas Sweepstake was drawn on the 4th Race, when No. 711 drew first, No. 431 second, No. 634 third.
The New Year Sweepstake was drawn on the 5th Race, when No. 624 drew first, No. 1342 second, No. 395 third.

Prizes Presented.

After the final race, Madame Chan Ming-shu presented the various trophies won during the meeting, at the conclusion of which Mr. J. H. Ferguson, Master of the Hunt, in a short but very apt speech, thanked His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu, the Patron of the Ride, for his unfailing support, the Chief of the Aviation Department for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held on the aviation ground, and called for three cheers for Madame Chan Ming-shu, which were heartily given.

Among those present at the meeting were:—H.E. General Chan Ming-shu and Madame Chan Ming-shu, Admiral Chan Chak, General Wong Keung, General Auyun Kui, Mr. Tung Man-kai and other well-known Chinese ladies and gentlemen, Mr. H. Phillips, C.M.G., O.B.E., H.B.M. Consul General, and Mrs. Phillips; Mr. A. L. Tison, H.B.M. Vice-Consul and Mrs. Tison; Mr. J. W. Ballantine, American Consul General, and Mrs. Ballantine; Mr. Chamberlain, American Vice-Consul and his mother.

The following officials officiated:—Judges, H.E. General Chan Ming-shu, Mr. H. Shubert, Mr. A. Hoffmeister and Mr. H. Lehmann; Starter, Dr. Credner; Clerk of the Course, Mr. J. H. Ferguson; Stewards, General Wong Keung, General Auyun Kui, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Hardt; in charge of the scales, Mr. P. Younghusband.
The attendance was by far the largest ever seen at a Canton Ride Meeting and the result must have been very gratifying to the Committee who have worked so hard

TUNGSHAN GOLF CLUB.

ANTHONY WINS CAPTAIN'S CUP AGAIN.

Canton, Jan. 12.
In the semi-finals of the Captain's Cup played off yesterday morning at the Tungshan Golf Club, E. R. Hill beat W. F. Gilman by 4 and 3, and B. Anthony beat C. E. Watson by 3 and 2.
The final between Hill and Anthony was very interesting and some good golf was seen. Hill started by winning the first three holes, and after this the game was even until Anthony won the 8th and 9th, to be all square at the turn. From the turn to the 14th, the game was evenly contested, but with Anthony taking the 14th, 15th and 16th, he beat Hill by 4 up and 2 to play, Anthony thereby winning the Captain's Cup for two years in succession.—Our Own Correspondent.

H.M.S. MEDWAY WIN BILLIARDS' CUP.

UNEXPECTED VICTORY OVER THE R.E. TEAM.

The billiards team from H.M.S. Medway unexpectedly defeated the R.E. team by 3 games to 2, in the final of the billiards contest played at the Sailors and Soldiers Home, last night. At the conclusion, the cups for the winning side and the runners-up team, and the medals for the individual members of the winning team, were presented by Mrs. Anstey, wife of the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.
Some very good play was witnessed, and the naval men are to be congratulated on doing as well as they did. The R.E. side included the army champion, Corporal Cottle. Scores:
Medway: 81 Cottle 150
Feathers: 104 Pollard 160
Vasey 150 Smith 138
Harrop 150 Peachey 112
Almond 150 Maynard 107

LOCAL YACHTING.

RESULTS OF SIXTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

The sixth Ladies' Championship races under the auspices of the R. H.K. Yacht Club were sailed yesterday, with the following results:
H. Class, Started 3.05 p.m.
Times.
Finished Corrected Position
Diana 4:28.41 4:22.58 6
Colleen 4:26.46 4:18.52 2
Rolla 4:23.57 4:19.42 3
La Linda 4:24.44 4:19.52 4
Norena 4:20.46 4:20.46 5
Dorothea 4:26.39 4:18.45 1
I. Y. and G. Class, Started 3.10 p.m.
Daphne 4:38.17 4:38.17 3
Why Wonder? 4:40.32 4:41.43 6
Wings 4:41.53 4:40.04 5
Bluejacket 4:39.36 4:37.47 2
Boojum 4:38.51 4:37.2 1
Speedwell 4:41.04 4:39.15 4

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.72½	123.72½
Geneva	25.05½	25.05½
Berlin	20.41½	20.41½
Oso	18.16½	18.16½
Helsingfors	192½	192½
Athens	325	375
Buenos Aires	34.7/16	34.13/16
Shanghai	1/3½	1/3½
New York	4.85.15/32	4.85½
Amsterdam	12.00½	12.00½
Stockholm	18.14½	18.14½
Vienna	34.05½	34.51½
Madrid	46.15	47.05
Bucharest	818	818
Montevideo	34½	34½
Hongkong	11½	11½
Brussels	34.82½	34.82½
Milan	92.74½	92.74½
Copenhagen	18.16½	18.16½
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Prague	163½	163½
Rio	4.11/16	4.11/16
Yokohama	2/0.15/32	2/0.15/32
Bombay	1/5½	1/5½
Silver (spot)	13.15/16	13.15/16
"(forward)"	13½	13.13/16

—British Wireless.

CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS TEAM FOR SUNDAY.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Police on Sunday:—Capt. R. R. Davies (Capt.), A. C. Beck, A. Reid, G. C. Burnett, K. H. Bator, P. W. J. Plummer, F. J. Caveney, J. D. A. Hutchison, H. S. Clippindale, R. G. U. Mead, W. E. Hunt.

HOCKEY.

The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. second hockey eleven against the University second eleven at King's Park to-day at 5 p.m.:—Scotcher, Downer, Tippet, Macky, Allen, W. J. Brown, Muller, Bates, W. H. Smith, Ashton, Combs.

In promoting this very excellent Club, the meeting, which was extremely well organised, went off without a hitch, the spectators and punters enjoying a delightful afternoon sport.—Our Own Correspondent.

CINEMA NOTES.

JOAN CRAWFORD HEARD IN DRAMATIC HIT.

An engrossing story, strikingly beautiful backgrounds and superb performances upon the part of Joan Crawford, Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Hackett, John Hylan and a large supporting cast, contrive to make "Our Blushing Brides," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, effective entertainment from start to finish.
The plot centres about three girls who work in the same department store and share rooms. They are fed up with the monotony of their lives, clock-punching, delicatessen meals, made-over dresses and all the other millstones of poverty and each awaits the opportunity to escape from a humdrum existence.
Consequently when David Jardine, son of the department-store owner, begs Connie to let him establish her in a Park Avenue apartment with a promise of a future marriage as soon as he straightens things out with his family, she throws all caution to the winds and accepts. Francine, too, thinks she has solved her problems when she marries Martin, a customer whose extravagant purchases indicate a bottomless wallet. When Tony Jardine, David's older brother, tries to make the play for Geraldine, the last minute of the trio, she sees through his intentions and spurns his offer.
As events turned out, the level-headed Jerry was the only one who came out of the subsequent dramatic episodes without a scratch. Connie discovers that Dave is about to marry an heiress and attempts suicide and Francine learns that she has married a thief. Geraldine and Tony are reunited in a surprise climax.
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have given Joan Crawford a lavish background for her new starring vehicle. From the locale of the department store and the meager quarters of the three girls, the scenes shift to what are undoubtedly the smartest and most modernistic interiors yet seen on the screen. A brilliant touch is the tacular fashion-show held on the laws of what is represented as being the Jardine Long Island estate in which more than one hundred new style creations are revealed. A second lavish detail is an Alvertina Rasch ballet in which Miss Crawford is seen in some unusual dances.

"Not So Dumb" a Riot of Laughs.

King Vidor seems to be about the ideal directorial agency for Marion Davies.
In "Not So Dumb," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new starring vehicle for the comedienne, which will come on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre, Vidor has provided her with the most vivacious role she has played, a sparkling vehicle that affords her wide latitude for her rare comedy talents.
The picture is an adaptation of the well-known stage farce "Dulcy," by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly. It is Vidor's third picture with Miss Davies as the star, the previous two having been the exceptionally successful "The Patsey" and "Show People."

Miss Davies demonstrates her vocal as well as physical versatility in the screen comedy, adapting her voice as well as her personality to the role of a blundering snapper who tries to run her fiancé's business affairs and almost ruins her romance as well as his bank account.
Elliott Nugent, plays opposite the star and the supporting cast includes Raymond Hackett, William Holden, Julia Faye, Sally Starr, Donald Ogden Stewart, Franklin Pangborn and George Davis. All of the players are well cast and add considerably to the convincing manner in which the riotous play is presented.
The play was adapted for the screen by Wanda Tuschek and Edwin Justus Mayer prepared the dialogue.

An Artistic Triumph.

One can easily overlook Hollywood's little tricks of nonsense in the general excellence of "The Vagabond King" which continues to draw packed houses to the Central Cinema. The singing is superb, the theme well-connected and consistent, and the photography extraordinarily good.
Some of the scenes are an artistic triumph, and carried out in technical colour, pleasingly subdued in tone, would warrant a visit for the sake alone. So cleverly indeed has the producer achieved his effects that some of the scenes look more like paintings than the product of the camera.

Humour and drama are delightfully blended, and Paramount has adhered more or less faithfully to the story of Justin McCarthy's stage play "If I Were King," the well-known one of the rise to kingdom from the gutter of Francois Villon, who wielded as facile a pen as he did a sword, and was equally at home among couriers as he was among a 16th century French rabble.

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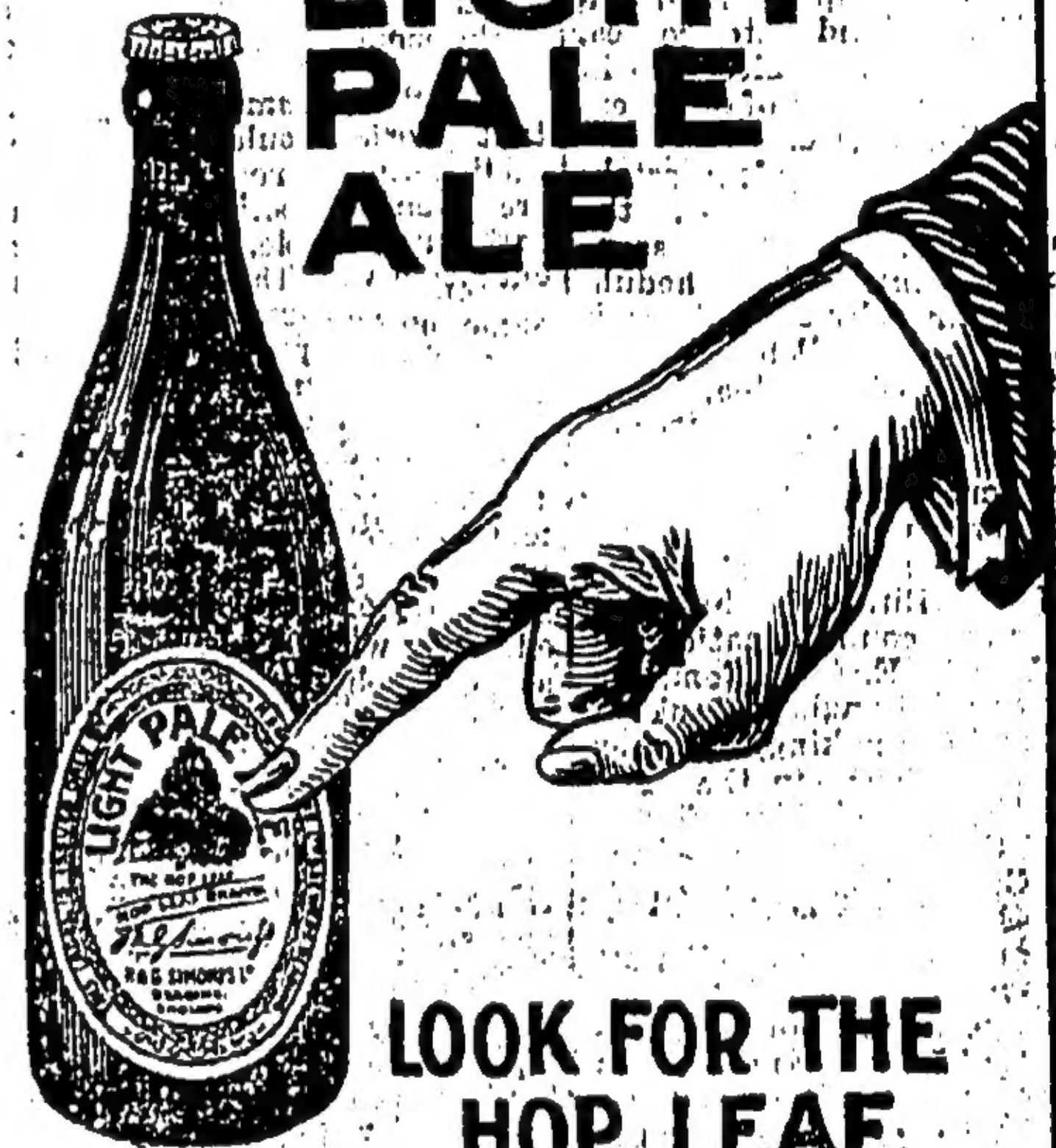
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[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I trespass further on your generosity by asking you to publish this letter of thanks in connexion with the recent appeal for donations on behalf of the above Society. The ready response and the co-operation of all concerned expresses in itself the necessity for such an organisation. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Society to thank all who contributed to the success of the Drive. Special thanks being due to the following for their untiring efforts:—Mrs. Loseby, who was largely responsible for the method of collecting, also the Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. D. Black and Mr. J. H. A. Hutchison. To the lady who contributed the article "Voice of the Voiceless" that appeared in the Local Press, and to the Press for their kind help. The total sum collected amounts to \$4,744.85 which will enable the Society to carry on the good work of animal welfare for a continued period. Again thanking everyone who helped.

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PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING.

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ARMY MARRIED.

A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnized at the Hotel Cecil yesterday, a large party of relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bridegroom, Mr. Chan Ping-kwan of No. 14, Amy Street, Wanhai, is a son of Mr. Chan So, Manager of Messrs. Kwai Lam S.S. Co., and is an officer of the Canton 8th Route Army, while the bride, Miss Pau Shu-han, is the daughter of a retired broker, Mr. Pau Tak-sun.

The bride, holding a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and beautifully attired in ivory satin, was attended by Miss Lo Wai-king, who was dressed charmingly in pink georgette. The best man was Mr. Yu Lun-cheuk, and the flower girls were Misses Joyce Chan and Chung Hon-kwan. After the ceremony dinner was served at the hotel to the gathering.

HOPE FOR SILVER.

WORLD AGREEMENT AS
BEST REMEDY.

New York, Jan. 12. In a review of the silver market for 1930, Messrs. Handy and Harman, silvermasters, think that an international agreement offers the most likely hope for stabilization of silver, and are of opinion that the price of silver will advance, when a revival of world trade occurs. Although a gold exchange is in effect in India, and its adoption has been recommended for China, the use of silver for currency is so firmly established in those countries that any revival of world trade would see an increased consumption of silver throughout the Far East.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF NATHAN STRAUS OF NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 12.

The death has occurred of the philanthropist, Mr. Nathan Straus.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Nathan Straus was born in Rhenish Bavaria in 1848, and went to the United States in 1864. He is best known for his philanthropy towards the poor and homeless in New York. Entering the glass and pottery business with his father and brothers, he rapidly built up a fortune, out of which he and his wife made generous donations to charity. Of the Jewish community of New York, Mr. Straus spent nearly his entire fortune in order to further his philanthropic work, in which he and his consort always took an active interest. Both devoted much care and attention to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Homeland to which they contributed generously. In 1925 they celebrated their Golden Wedding. The celebration proved worthy of the occasion. Surrounded by children, grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives, the Grand Old Man of New York Jewry said:—"My wife and I have been very happy and we always will be very happy together." Thousands have certainly gained happiness through them, and learned to call their name blessed.]

SHANGHAI IN THE GRIP OF KING FROST.

RECORD LOW TEMPERATURES
OVER WEEK-END.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.

Eight lives were claimed over the week-end by the most severe weather experienced here in 38 years.

Snow was accompanied by extremely cold temperatures on Saturday, being a minimum of eleven degrees Fahrenheit. The minimum yesterday was 22, and it has improved slightly to-day to 24.

The streets are like glass, motors being useless and unable to start. Pipes everywhere have burst. All sport engagements are cancelled. Ordinary means of heating have proved useless.

Sleewel Observatory reports that more such experiences are to come.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

CANCEL WAR DEBTS.

U. S. BANKER'S SCHEME TO
END DEPRESSION.

New York, Jan. 12.

The question of the cancellation of war debts as a means of ending the present world depression has again come to the fore.

Mr. Albert Wiggin, chairman of the Chase National Bank, in his annual report to shareholders, to be presented to-morrow, declares that the question of the cancellation has an importance far beyond the dollar magnitude of the debts involved.

Apart from the question of the justice of the cancellation, he is firmly convinced that it would be good business for the United States Government to initiate a reduction of debts at this time.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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TIENTSIN FINANCES.

RAISING MONEY FOR DIS-
BANDMENT OF KUOMINCHUN.

Tientsin, Jan. 12.

Mr. T. V. Soong, who has been visiting Peking, has returned to Tientsin where it is expected that he will again confer with General Chang Hsueh-ling this evening.

The vernacular newspapers state that the problem of the "rehabilitation" of the Shansi forces and the Kuominchun (meaning partial disbandment) has been practically settled by Mr. Soong and Gen. Chang. The Financial Commission hopes they will arrange for a \$3,000,000 loan for the purpose with the local banks, and the security for the loan, according to the vernacular newspapers, has already been arranged though it has not yet been announced.—*Reuter.*

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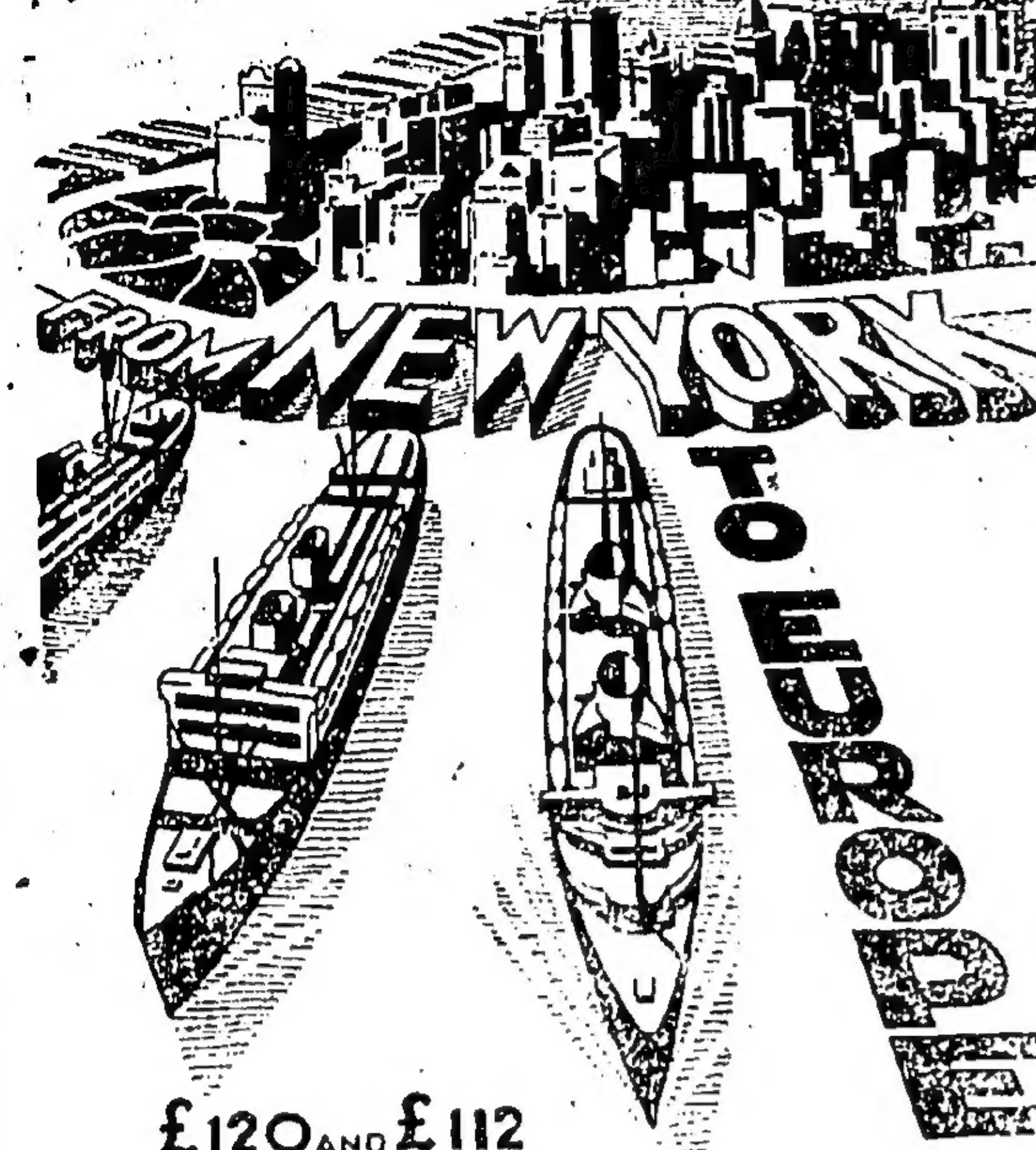
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deal with the University's inevitable difficulties. I take this opportunity, on behalf of all my colleagues and myself, to tender to Your Excellency and to your Counsellors our profound gratitude.

The year 1930 also saw the decision of His Majesty's Government—a decision graciously accepted by the Government of the Republic of China—that the University should receive a contribution from the Boxer Indemnity Fund. The sum which, if wisely used in going to help us in placing the University on a sounder financial basis, I have already received a good many suggestions as to how the money should be spent. Personally, I hope that the capital will not be touched. If we invest the whole £255,000 in Trustee Securities in England we may hope to get an additional income for the University of £10,600 a year, that is to say even if the money can not be invested at a rate of interest higher than 4%. I will not attempt to convert this sum into Hongkong dollars.

But the question of additional income apart, the contribution is a testimony to the belief of His Majesty's Government and that of the Government of the Republic of China that the University of Hongkong can, and will, if it be given a fair chance, contribute something to the building up of the China of the future.

Brilliant Career.

From the building up of the China of the future to the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung is a transition at once easy and obvious. The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung was born on the 16th February, 1896, at Fat Shan, a suburb of Canton. His father was Foo Shin, a Chinese scholar. He was brought up by his uncle Foo Sik, a well-known merchant of Hongkong. In 1908 Mr. Ping-sheung went to the Ellis Kadoorie School, which he left in 1910 for St. Stephen's College. From St. Stephen's College he passed in 1912 to this University, where he graduated in due course as a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, being awarded by the London Assessors, First Class Honours. In 1917 he went as an assistant engineer to the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway. He then returned to Hongkong and taught for a year at St. Stephen's College, his old school.

In 1918/19 he was working in Canton as Head of the Bureau of Printing of the Military Government there and as Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which was then presided over by the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang. In this capacity he went to the Paris Peace Conference as Secretary of the Chinese Delegation. From 1920-1922 he worked as Superintendent of Customs and Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kweichow and Peking. In 1923 he became Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for the Province of Kwangtung and Superintendent of the Canton Customs, and subsequently Chief of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs in the Civil Governor's Office, Canton. Later he was adviser to the Ministries of Finance and War.

In 1927/8 he was Counsellor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director General of the Customs Administration of the Nationalist Government. In this last capacity he acted as Chairman of the recent Tariff Commission. For part of 1928 he was away from China travelling with Mr. Hu Han-min, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. C. C. Woo.

Many Activities.

In the same year he became a Member of the Legislative Yuan of the Nationalist Government and Chairman of the 'Foreign Relations Committee'; also Chairman of the Civil Codification Commission. This Commission has now published an English translation of the Civil Code of the Republic of China Books I, II and III and Mr. Foo has contributed an introduction to this volume. In 1929 Mr. Foo was appointed Chinese Minister to Belgium, an appointment which he did not take up.

Mr. Ping-sheung Foo, it will be a great pleasure to me to call upon His Excellency the Chancellor to confer upon you honours causa, this University's degree of Doctor of Laws. You are the first graduate of this University to receive this distinction. According to the testimony of all, you have through a period of great stress and temptation, filled honourably many responsible posts of State. I hope that the honour which this University is now about to confer upon you will be an encouragement to others to follow in your footsteps. We hope and believe that you remain and will ever keep with a you a grateful memory of what we tried to do for you here. It is on young men like you that the future of China depends. Hongkong is a British Colony but the destinies of China and Hongkong are inextricably interwoven, one with another. I don't expect you to be blind to our shortcomings, but I do believe that in your heart of hearts you know that though we Britishers are not demonstrative China has no truer friends.

Gigantic Task.

In 1924 Mr. Baldwin told the London Teachers' Association that "the idea of particular exceptional people pursuing learning had been familiar to the whole world for scores of centuries but that the idea of preparing whole classes or communities for co-operation and common action by a training in common ideas was a comparatively new one." This is the gigantic task to which you and I, and indeed all of us, now stand committed. We are living in days in which the powers that used to be inherent in birth and privilege are passing rapidly away. We live, moreover, in an age when the maintenance of that level of civilization to which the world has already succeeded in attaining, can only be maintained and spread by the education of the people. And it has never been more urgent than it is at the moment—not only in China but throughout the world—to wage the war of reason against the passion that may be stimulated by mob psychology. Will you tell your colleagues when you get back to Nanking that we are watching with anxiety their efforts to weld together the Chinese Nation and that this is a task in which your University claims the privilege of being allowed to help.

The Governor's Remarks.

His Excellency said:—I had not intended to make any remarks but

PRINCES' FAREWELL.

SAY GOODBYE TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

London, Jan. 12.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George paid a formal visit to Buckingham Palace to-day, to bid good-bye to the King and Queen, who are returning to Sandringham this afternoon and will not again see the Princes before their departure for South America, where the Prince of Wales will open the British Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires on March 14.—British Wireless.

you began your speech with a brief, direct, and personal note, I feel it would be churlish of me not to thank you for your words of welcome and that I do, most sincerely, on behalf of my wife and myself. As a consequence, I feel that I must return a direct and personal note and, at this, the first public meeting of the University when degrees have been given, I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the honour which has recently and graciously been conferred upon you by His Majesty the King, in recognition of the very fine work you have done on behalf of this University (applause). I know of no one who has more deserved to win such an honour, and no one else receiving it could have caused me greater pleasure. With that honour conferred upon you, Sir William Horrell, I feel that the University of Hongkong must share, to a certain extent, in the lustre of it.

The following were then presented to His Excellency as having been found worthy of the degrees to be conferred upon them:

Those Honoured.

Degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa. The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, B.Sc. (Eng.).

Degree of Doctor of Medicine.—Dr. Yoch Kok-Chuang, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. (Camb.), D.T.M. & H. (Eng.).

Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.—Joseph William Barnes, Jay Boon Koo, Lam Chi Wai, Miss Luang Chum Ha, Mok Hing Fah, Carlos Engenio da Rosa, Miss Parrin Ruttonjee, Granville Francis de Souza, Sze Tung Sing, Tan Hong Lam, Teol Taz Shek, Woo Kai Fan.

In Absentia.—Hastings Ernest Adams, Norman Palmer Foyntz Channette, Cheah Khay Chuan, Ooi Phee Tunn, Tong Lai Yee, Miss Pau Chel-chue and Peter Pau.

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering.—Chun Weng Kwan, Chen Fah Shin, Koh Nye Poh, Pao Yue Lun, Arthur Augustus Reed, Bernard Herman Schroter, Miss Tang Tin Chien, Eric Wongtapa.

In Absentia.—Chung Sek Chiu. Degree of Bachelor of Arts.—Booy Peng Lam, Chung Hok Nang, Miss Grace Ho Tung, Hu Pak Mi, Jao Yu, Miss Kwok Yik Ming, Miss Julia Lam, Lo Chi Chiu, Mak Kai Hung, Miss Agnes Pau, Tam Yik Fong, Miss Wong Lai Chong.

In Absentia.—Wong Yan Chee.

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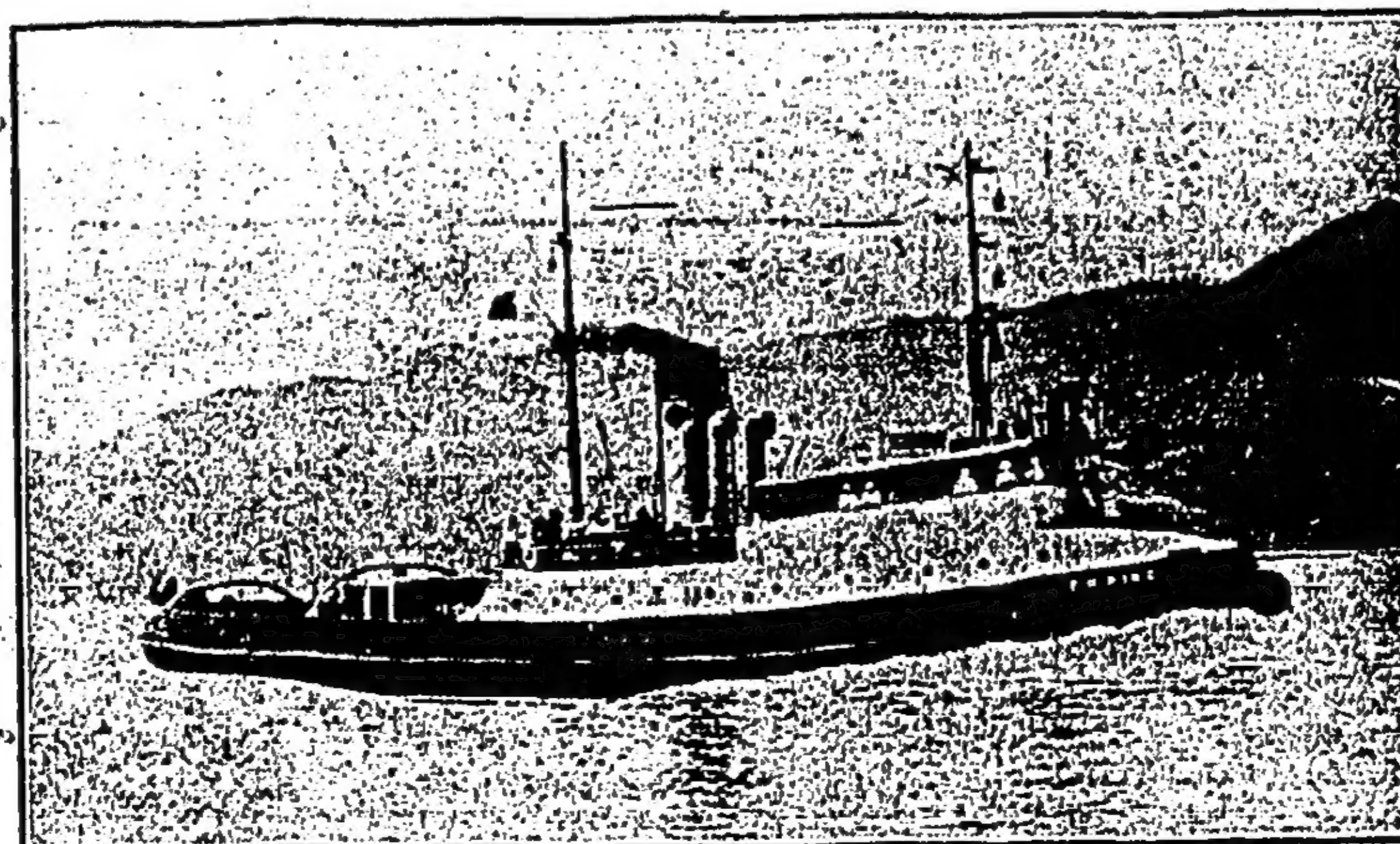
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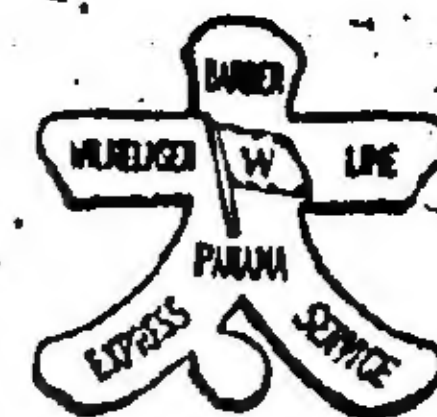


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A tinsmith, Leung Poh, of the Cheung Kee Cheung firm, 110, Queen's Road West, has been the victim, according to a report received by the police, of a fraud, by which he lost a sum of \$5,520. Recently, it is stated, the firm entered into negotiations with a man named Wong Kit-sang, who represented himself as being the principal of the Wai Lung firm, with offices in the Industrial and Commercial Bank Building, for the purchase of 400 cases of sheet

tin. Evidence was given of the existence of the tin, and Leung Poh, who negotiated the deal on behalf of the Cheung Kee Cheung, was satisfied when he received a delivery note for the metal. During the week-end the delivery note was presented at the residence, but it was not honoured, the keeper there not acknowledging the validity of the document. A subsequent visit to the offices of the Wai Lung, at the Industrial and Commercial Bank Building, confirmed their worst suspicions. The office was found to be closed, and it was realised that the tin never belonged to the firm, which at the outset had entered into the deal as if the metal really belonged to them.

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MR. MELBOURNE RETIRES.

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A host of friends will learn with regret of the impending departure from the Colony, on retirement, of Mr. C. D. Melbourne, who has completed nearly 31 years in the Government service, and who, since the middle of 1923, has been Registrar at the Supreme Court. Mr. Melbourne has been granted leave prior to retirement as from the end of 1930, but he intends to spend the winter months in the East before going back to the Old Country.

When interviewed by a *Telegraph* representative, Mr. Melbourne said that he intended to visit Shanghai and Manila before going home, and expected to sail in the spring of this year via America.

Of a genial disposition, with a penchant for witty talk, Mr. Melbourne is one of the most popular residents in the Colony and his presence will be missed by many who have had the pleasure of his friendship. For many years he was a keen Volunteer (the humorously described himself to our representative as an "untrained signaller"), and has also held high rank in Freemasonry. Among the offices which he has held are Marshall Provincial Prior of China, D.G.S.W. of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, District Senior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, Marshall of the Victoria Priory and Preceptory, Director of Ceremonies Ethen Mark Lodge, and Unofficial Member of the District Grand Royal Lodge Chapter.

Mr. Melbourne was formerly President of the Hongkong Radio Society, and Vice-President of the Civil Service Cricket Club. For many years he has been a member of the Licensing Board, and, since 1902, he has been an official Justice of the Peace, being third in seniority.

Mr. Melbourne is a brother-in-law of Mr. John Scott Harston.

Mr. Melbourne's Career.

Mr. Charles Alexander Dick Melbourne, barrister-at-law, was born on September 22, 1869, and was appointed as First Clerk at the Police Magistrate's Office on May 1, 1900. From December 9, 1909, until December 7, 1904, he was Acting Assistant Superintendent of Victoria Gaol in addition to his ordinary duties, while in 1905 he became Acting Assistant Land Officer and, afterwards, Acting Second Police Magistrate. He filled this latter position on several occasions and became Acting Deputy Registrar and Appraiser in 1907. In the same year he was attached to the Land Office to assist in bankruptcy work. Between 1908 and 1910 he again filled the appointment already mentioned after which he went on leave.

He became Acting Registrar in 1914 and acting Puisne Judge in 1919. His last appointment was in 1928 when he became Registrar at the Supreme Court.

Mr. E. P. H. Lang has been appointed to fill Mr. Melbourne's post as Registrar, and Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Lang, that of Deputy Registrar.

YOUTH'S THREE THEFTS.

PRISON AND BIRCHING ORDERED.

A Chinese youth named Cheung Chan, with two previous convictions for theft, appeared before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with respect to three thefts. The first count was of having stolen a felt hat, the property of a schoolboy, Mohamed Bakily, from outside 37, Austin Road. The second charge was in respect of a blanket stolen from outside 314, Canton Road, the property of Lo Seung, a married woman, whilst the third charge was in respect of a singlet which was stolen from the back yard of No. 55, Humphrey's Avenue.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the second charge and denied the other two, whereupon Detective Inspector Fallon withdrew the other two charges.

Mr. Butters sentenced defendant to two months imprisonment and 12 strokes.

Five or six Chinese who surrounded and hustled Yuen Sul-lam, unemployed man living at the Lee Theatre, as he was walking along Queen's Road East, near Taihang Street yesterday, are believed to have stolen his watch and chain, valued at \$24. The theft was reported to the Wanchai Station.

THREATENED COLLAPSE OF GOLD CREDIT.

AN ANGLO-FRENCH UNDERSTANDING.

RESULTS STILL CLOUDED IN MYSTERY

FRANCE'S POLICY.

The mysterious ambiguities in every statement connected with the negotiations proceeding between British and French financial experts, with a view to checking the outflow of gold from England, are certainly not cleared up by M. Martin, the French Finance Minister, who made a statement on the subject yesterday.

M. Martin talks of measures to effect a monetary settlement between the London and Paris markets, but does not explain what form it will take, though there are persistent rumours of the granting of a large loan by the Bank of France to British industry.

The need for such a loan is difficult to understand. Recent stock quotations in London have revealed no lack of response. On the contrary, gilt-edged securities have been over-subscribed, in some cases, fifty times.

French Promise.

Paris, Jan. 12. The Finance Minister, M. Martin, in an interview, defended France's monetary policy and declared that the Government is taking steps to limit the influx of gold.

He further declares: "Tomorrow, in order that the Government's desire not to adopt a financial policy dominated by egotistical, its ends may become even plainer. We may hope that with the collaboration of the Bank of France a notable improvement will be effected by a monetary settlement between the London and Paris Markets.—*Reuter*."

Rumours of Loan.

A Transocean Kuomin Message states that Paris political circles are galvanised by persistent rumours to the effect that the present negotiations between French and British experts, to curb the bullion drain on the Bank of England, are likely to culminate in a big international sensation—the granting of a large French loan to British industry through the Banque de France, with the Bank of England as guarantor. If this proves true, the politicians here insist, the report amounts to a Franco-British rapprochement, the effects of which on the situation it is at present impossible to gauge, though there can be no doubt that the reunion of the two countries would make itself quickly felt in European politics.

In this connexion, political quarters recall the fact that, during the last meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Conference the British delegate, Lord Robert Cecil, with a rather sudden volte face, accepted the French thesis, wherefore these circles now hint that future co-operation between the two countries may have to be sought along such or similar lines.

Veil Partially Lifted.

Writing in *Le Matin*, this paper's well-known foreign political expert, Mr. Jules Sauerwein, who maintains very close relations with many leading statesmen and politicians, lifts a corner of the veil spread over the present negotiations, hinting at an Anglo-French financial entente and intimating that at the opening in the middle of this month of the conference which is to consider the Foreign Minis-

LADY MOTORIST FINED.

OBSTRUCTION CAUSED IN CHATER ROAD.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Mrs. W. G. L. Cooper, of Derlington, May Road, appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning on a summons accusing her of having caused an obstruction by leaving motor car No. 689 in Chater Road, outside Messrs. A. S. Watson and company's store at 12.25 p.m. on January 7.

The defendant admitted having left the car on the south side of the road, but remarked that when she parked it there, other cars were able to pass.

Sergeant Williamson informed his Worship that the car had been parked about two yards from the kerb which made it impossible for other cars to pass. He himself had had to move one of the cars on the authorised parking stand to permit other traffic to pass Mrs. Cooper's car. He thought that what happened was that when Mrs. Cooper had parked her car there was no vehicle on the stand immediately opposite, but when a car had taken up the space on the stand there was insufficient room for other cars to pass along the south side of the road.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5 and remarked to the traffic officer that he had often seen about half a dozen cars parked on the south side of the road.

WORLD STATISTICS OF WORKLESS.

GERMANY HAS BIGGEST EURDEN PER HEAD.

Geneva, Jan. 8. The International Labour Bureau attached to the League of Nations has issued statistics on unemployment the world over during the month of December. In Europe Germany takes the sad pride of place with four millions. England follows with 2,300,000, then Italy with 534,000, and Austria with 262,000.

The single city of Danzig has the deplorable number of 20,000, which is more than the whole of Switzerland. The lowest numbers are in Norway with 8,000 and Yugoslavia with 4,700. For the United States the figure cannot be ascertained with absolute exactitude, but is placed at between five and seven millions. Germany has by far the biggest proportion of unemployed compared with the total population of the country.

At the City Hall last night, Dr. P. Fennelly, LL.D., gave the first of a series of lectures on psychology. He had as his subject, "Sleep and Dreams, their Meaning and How to Interpret Them." The large audience present was deeply interested in the able discourse, and at the close the lecturer answered a number of questions. To-night, Dr. Fennelly will talk on "Nerve Control."

ter, M. Briand's Pan-European Federation scheme, France will make it quite plain that she is prepared to devote her resources to Europe's reconstruction and rationalization but on certain conditions only, these to include the renunciation of all schemes of revision, which is obviously aimed at Germany. "Co-operation between the French and British Exchequers would pave the way for a discussion of the problems of Europe in a spirit of generosity, and the happy consequences of such a co-operation would soon become visible both at Geneva and Basle. However, it should be remembered that it is impossible to apply to France for financial assistance and, in the same breath, ask for revision."

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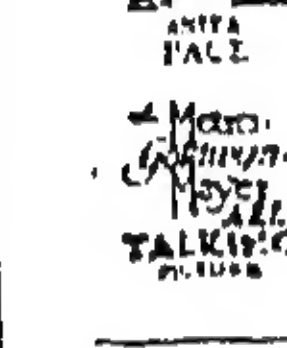
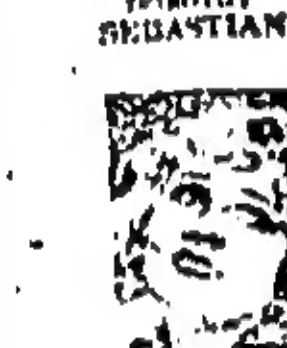
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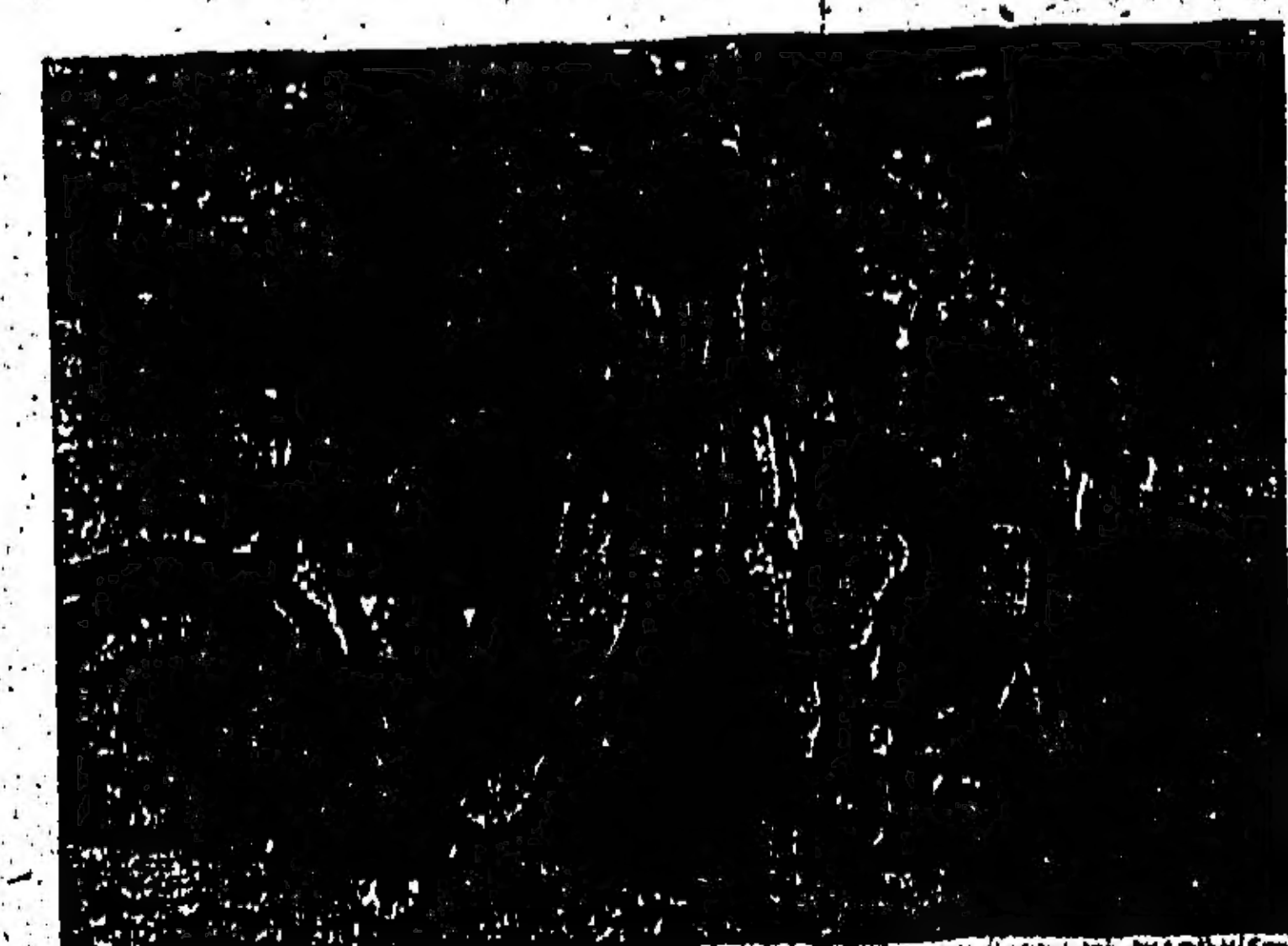
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